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## Taste of summer

WHILE THE northeast corner of El Cerrito Plaza is fenced off and dormant, things are still lively on Tuesdays and Saturdays in the southeast corner, where shoppers turn out for the popular farmers market. Above, Sonia Rojas prepares a tray of summer fruits for visitors to sample. With the Fairmount Avenue entrance closed, getting into the Plaza lot these days means entering from the San Pablo Avenue or Albany sides.

JOANNA JHANA

## McManus plans to leave Albany council

Longtime City Council and school board member is leaving midterm

By Clare Curley  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — At the City Council meeting Monday night, council member Ed McManus unexpectedly announced that he plans to resign from his position two years early due to his plans to relocate to Harwich, Mass., with his family.

According to Assistant City Administrator Ann Ritzma, his decision marks the first time an Albany council member has resigned midterm.

The announcement coincided with the city's final day to amend the agenda for the Nov. 7 ballot. As a result, the council passed a resolution to include a two-year slot on the ballot for someone to step in and complete McManus' term.

Although an official announcement has not been made, "I intend to submit my resignation to the city clerk by the end of the week," McManus, 47, said. "It (would be) effective end of October."

"The news came to light last week," said Mayor Jon Ely. "I'm a little surprised."

The departure also means that council member Allan Maris will likely be the only sitting council member by the time the election comes around. The other two seats up for re-election are Ely's and council member Peggy Thomsen's — if they are voted out, the city could be faced with four new council members. "The timing is very bad," Ely said. Local term limits will end Robert Good's time on the council.

City Clerk Jacqueline Bucholz said people interested in running will be required to sign a form stating they acknowledge that the vacancy may not be open come November, in case McManus rescinds his announcement. One only needs to have a nomination signed by 20 voters to run for office.

Ely said he hopes the news will bring out more contenders than in previous years, adding, "It could be a very interesting election."

McManus has been a prominent figure in Albany politics for close to 20 years. He was a council member from 1982-88 (mayor from 1984-85 and 1988-89) and on the Albany school board from 1992-98.

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## Tehiyah, neighborhood seek compromise on school gymnasium

By J.R. Deaton  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Building plans and Bay views are at odds in a north El Cerrito neighborhood.

Tehiyah Day School's building plans calling for a gymnasium/multi-purpose room have been appealed to the City Council.

A public hearing is planned for the Sept. 18 council meeting concerning the school's proposed Phase II building project.

Phase II of the master plan calls for the new gymnasium, additional classrooms, storage rooms, bathrooms and a kitchen.

The city's Design Review Board approved the plans at its June 21 meeting, but neighborhood resident Steve Magyary has appealed the board's decision to the City Council.

Neighbors have complained that the proposed structure will block residential views of the Bay and increase traffic in the neighborhood.

The DRB approved a compromise

plan that uses a lower "barrel vault roof" rather than the "single-pitch" roof design the school preferred.

"Tehiyah has changed many design components of this building since our first meetings with the DRB and the neighbors last summer," said Site Development Committee Chairwoman Amy Loebli in a June 12 letter to the city's planning department before the DRB's approval.

Loebli noted that modifications include lowering the roof height nearly 2 feet from the original plan, changing the roof shape on a connecting building, changing the window material to nonglare translucent glass, using nonopening windows and an added landscape component.

Conditions of approval approved last month by the DRB include limiting student enrollment to a maximum of 360, setting the highest point of the barrel vault roof at 23.5 feet, with eaves on the east and west walls no more than 19 feet,

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## Council will reconsider decision on child care center

A new public hearing will be held next month

By J.R. Deaton  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The City Council has decided to reconsider approval of the proposed Rising Sun Montessori School to be located at the Trinity Evangelical Free Church at 7200 Schmidt Lane.

After a public hearing June 19, the council initially voted 3-2 to deny an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision.

sion to allow a use permit to operate the child care center at the church.

Last week, however, questions were raised about the number of students to be enrolled at the facility and broader issues regarding city policy and ordinances concerning day care facilities.

Neighbor Hal Schultz, a resident of adjacent Lawrence Court, had appealed the Planning Commission's approval, saying a primary concern was the "expected disturbing noises" that would come from children playing outdoors.

At the July 10 City Council meeting the council reversed its initial vote. The formal resolution to deny the appeal and uphold the Planning Commission's decision failed to get a majority.

Mayor Mark Friedman and Council-

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## One year later uncertainty still hangs over KPFA

By Clare Curley and Tony Hicks  
STAFF WRITERS

The scene outside public radio station KPFA on July 13 was a familiar one: a crowd filling the sidewalk, rallying station loyalists. Only this time, police and security guards were nowhere around.

About two dozen people, many of whom were media members, gathered July 13 as the station broadcast from the street to mark the one-year anniversary of the day labor tensions boiled over and spilled out onto Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

The crowds were smaller and the mood was tempered Thursday, but one thing remained the same: Employees and supporters of America's first listener-supported radio station still have harsh words for the station's parent, the Pacifica Foundation.

"The relationship is totally hostile," said Curt Gray, a member of the station's

committee to elect a local advisory board, "(Pacifica's) national board hates KPFA."

A year ago, Pacifica pulled the plug on show host Dennis Bernstein and suspended him for criticizing the foundation on the air.

The next day, Pacifica posted guards at the station's door and locked employees out, sparking weeks of mass sleep-ins and rallies, nearly 100 arrests and old-style activism that included appearances by novelist Alice Walker and folk singer Joan Baez.

Pacifica relented in early August, reopening the progressive station and pledging to allow local control of its programming for six to 12 months.

But the foundation, which operates five public radio stations nationwide, had insisted it would take corrective measures if KPFA didn't rebound from a ratings slump. Rumors swirled that Pacifica would sell the station if it didn't gear pro-

gramming toward a larger audience.

That window of time is closing, and employees said they are still waiting to hear Pacifica's intentions.

Jim Bennett, now KPFA's interim station manager, said the station has since improved vastly in the ratings. He said KPFA never surpassed a "one share" in quarterly surveys — representing one percent of the Bay Area's total listening audience. The station, at 94.1 FM, scored a 1.3 share this past spring, he said.

"That's one of the ironic things," said Bennett. "They were saying we weren't trying to get a larger audience. We're operating from a position of strength."

Bennett and other station members credited last year's tumult with the ratings surge.

The tensions came to light first in March 1999, when Pacifica fired popu-

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# City seeks tax hike for emergency service

By Clare Curley  
and Kate Darby Rauch  
STAFF WRITERS

ALBANY — Residents will be asked to vote on an \$18 increase in the annual emergency medical services tax when they go to the polls in November.

That would raise the yearly tax, which pays for city-run ambulance and paramedic services, from \$30.84 per household to \$48.84.

The City Council on Monday voted unanimously to pose the tax jump to voters at the general election in November, despite the absence of council members Peggy Thompson and Robert Good.

The money would enhance the city's already high-quality ambulance service, said Mayor John Ely, citing

Albany's low, 3½-minute average response time.

"The city of Albany has always shown support for emergency medical care," Ely said. "It's not a huge cost; it will fill a gap."

The measure, if approved, would increase the annual emergency medical tax revenue total from \$222,603 to \$352,527.

Most of the new funds would be used for training and salary increases, as well as upgrading the city's paramedics from "basic" to "advanced" life support.

"It's a perfectly fine level of service, but we'd like to increase it," said city administrator Daren Fields.

In addition to the city's emergency medical tax, Albany households pay \$21.14 a year for a county emergency medical tax that funds county trauma

centers and other services.

The biggest difference between the levels is how much treatment paramedics can provide on the scene. The higher-level paramedics can administer a variety of medicines in addition to providing life support.

"There's a big difference between advanced and basic life support. (Advanced life support) care can be seen as an extension of the emergency room," argued city fire chief Marc McGinn. "Currently, the city is covered up to about 90 percent." This money should bring that percentage up to 100.

All cities in Alameda County have or are upgrading to the advanced level, Fields said. "That's becoming the standard in the industry."

The tax hike would put Albany residents on par with Berkeley's cost per

resident and higher than that in Piedmont. Those two cities currently provide advanced life support.

The money would have multiple purposes:

"Every seven years, this money would also pay for a new ambulance," said McGinn.

While the city has only received three calls simultaneously a couple of times in 22 years, he cited the usual wear-and-tear as reason enough.

"In five to six years we average 50 or 60,000 miles, and those are very hard miles," he contended.

Councilman Ed McManus said tallying up residences is another part of the equation, a contention Fields supported. "Because of the issue of illegal secondary units, (we need to) get them registered and paying their share of taxes," he said.

## EL CERRITO BRIEFS

### Neighbors needed for National Night Out

Crime Prevention Committee Chairman Ky Katsumoto and committee member Scott McCormick attended this week's City Council meeting to encourage people to participate in the 17th annual National Night Out.

Over the years one of the main goals of our program has been helping to form neighborhood groups," Katsumoto told the council. "We strongly believe that the concept of neighbors helping neighbors is a very effective deterrent against criminal activity."

The council approved a city proclamation naming Aug. 1 as National Night Out in El Cerrito and encouraging all residents to support the crime, drug and violence prevention program.

"The 17th annual National Night Out provides a unique opportunity for El Cerrito to join forces with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting cooperative, police-community crime-prevention efforts," the proclamation reads in part.

Katsumoto said that last year El Cerrito had 17 neighborhood gatherings, parties and other activities where people got to know their neighbors as part of the event.

McCormick is serving as the city's National Night Out chairman. For details or to obtain a National Night Out registration form, call McCormick at 237-2852 or Katsumoto at 234-6704.

### Standing ovation for Pokorny

In a touching tribute to retiring City Manager Gary Pokorny, at this week's City Council meeting, City Clerk Linda Giddings read a letter of appreciation from the entire city of El Cerrito staff addressed to Pokorny.

"It is the most difficult time for us, your city staff, to come to terms with the reality that you will no longer be here to lead us," Giddings said, reading from the letter. "All of us understand that the purpose for our being here is not simply to do a job, but to serve our community in the very best way we can. Your high level of professionalism has helped to raise the standard for the way we perform. You have shown us over and over again that what we do should be for the benefit of all concerned and should be done with the utmost of integrity," the letter continues.

"Gary, it cannot be overstated that you are a true gentleman among men," Giddings read. "You are a pillar of strength in our eyes and it is what we will always remember about you."

After Giddings finished reading the letter, Pokorny received an enthusiastic standing ovation from the audience.

In another tribute to Pokorny, at the conclusion of the council meeting Mayor Mark Friedman adjourned the meeting "in sincere and deep gratitude to our retiring City Manager Gary Pokorny for 11 years of dedicated service."

Pokorny again received a round of applause from the audience.

### Private parking citation follow-up

City Attorney Howard Stern reported to the City Council last week on the matter of the private company hired by Target to control parking in its lot.

"Target's principal concern was that its lot was being used by BART commuters," Stern reported. "The company hired by Target posted the cars of nonshoppers with private parking citations which assessed a \$20 fine from the owners of those cars."

"The El Cerrito Police Department, in consultation with the District Attorney's office, has concluded that this practice of issuing private citations violates the California Vehicle Code," Stern told the council.

"Although a private entity may not issue citations for cars improperly parked on private property, a governmental entity could authorize a private property owner to charge a fee to the owners of cars improperly parked," he said. "Such authorization would be in the form of an ordinance which established the amount of the fee and the signage required, as well as such other regulations deemed significant by that entity."

Stern said that Police Chief Scott Kirkland has met with representatives of the private company posting the citations and the company has agreed to "cease operations."

Kirkland pointed out that if Target, or any other private property

owner, posts the required signage, the ECPD can issue citations on automobiles improperly parked on private property. "He believes this is a more efficient method of enforcing parking regulations," Stern told the council.

### Madera students read their way to \$5,000 award

Madera Elementary School was among the 400 state schools named by Gov. Gray Davis as recipients of \$5,000 awards for meeting his reading challenge. The Governor's Reading Award Program was a six-month statewide competition open to all schools serving grades K-8.

The program stems from a \$2 million Reading Award Program proposed by the governor in a 1999 Assembly bill as an incentive for students in grades K-8 to read.

This was the first year of the program, and a total of 689,465,287 pages were read during the six-month program by students from participating schools. Madera students were honored for reading 1,390,863 pages.

Another West County Unified School District School, Valley View in Richmond (860,857 pages), also was honored.

West County Superintendent Gloria Johnson, Madera Principal Robert Heller, teachers, parents and students at Madera worked during the six-month period to make the honor for Madera a reality.

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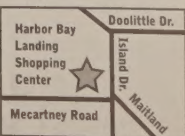
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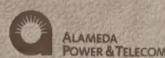
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# Opinion

## Reasons ferry service is sinking

Talk to commuters who regularly ride the Richmond ferry, and it's like they've all taken a happy pill. They love the view, they love the space, they love the time to get work done, they even love each other's company.

It's nothing like the joyless, cattle-car atmosphere of BART or the vein-popping stress building behind the wheels of all those cars inching their way into San Francisco each morning.

The corollary seems to be: Get a commuter onto the ferry and he or she is converted for life. "I'd rather pluck my eyelashes out one by one" than go back, one former BART-rider-turned-ferry-commuter said.

Sadly for her, and other devoted Richmond ferry fans, the Red and White Fleet has announced it will suspend service Sept. 27 — its one-year anniversary — because of disappointing ridership. That means the Richmond ferry is now in crisis mode, just like the Vallejo ferry in the late 1980s.

And just like then, the riders are stepping in to save it. They're putting information booths at fairs, hanging signs on doorknobs, passing out schedules and petitioning local officials in an effort to hold onto something that has become an important part of their lives.

"I didn't start riding the ferry thinking I was going to fall in love with it. I was probably the most skeptical person," says rider and organizer Kristel Frank. "But I found that it really added to my quality of life. ... That's why we feel so strongly about trying to keep it."

With Bay Area roads a daily purgatory, any transit alternative that gets people out of their autos is worth fighting for, and I envisioned this column as a full-tilt Save-the-Richmond-Ferry rant. But a recent early-morning ride drove home not only the great things about this service, but the many obstacles to it.

First off, you've got to find it. Unlike the Larkspur ferry, nestled on prime waterfront Marin real estate, the Richmond ferry dock is hidden like a dark secret.

From Interstate 80, you get onto the Richmond Parkway and continue for a long time until it connects with westbound Interstate 580. Then you loop back around onto eastbound I-580 — which is very confusing — and take the Harbour Way exit. Finally you reach a barren road next to an abandoned Ford plant.

The plan is to transform this building into chic urban live-work spaces, plus offices and a museum, but for now it looks like Desolation Row. Should this area take off, the ferry would benefit, but at this



KAREN HERSHENSON  
Columnist

point it's right place, wrong time. Nor are there any convenient transportation links with the nearby Richmond BART station.

The second problem is marketing. Unless you know about the Richmond ferry, there's no way you're just going to stumble upon it. There are some signs, but they come and go, so you're never really convinced you're going the right way. Frank mentioned the possibility of banners across the roadway, which would help.

Other marketing thoughts: fliers in local newspapers, information stuffed into local garbage and sewer bills and large posters in area businesses — all with a colorful logo that not only makes people aware of the ferry, but also signals what a terrific experience it is.

The big stumbling block is money. Unlike AC Transit and BART, the Richmond service gets no government subsidies. The company is working with Richmond to obtain grant money and would like to resurface with fast catamaran-style ferries on the route. These would cut trip times and allow more frequent crossings.

Still, it's absurd that this keeps happening. Ferries get launched without adequate advertising or money, and incensed riders wind up scrambling to keep them afloat. There is a Bay Area task force looking into actually expanding ferry service, but that's in the early stages.

The Richmond boats could easily pull from all the cities along the I-80 corridor, especially because parking near the El Cerrito BART station just got squeezed tighter with the loss of 1,000 spaces at a nearby shopping center. At the very least, commuters deserve to know that the Richmond ferry exists and how to get there; surely all those cities could contribute toward that effort.

Building ferry ridership takes time. People have to change ingrained habits, and plan ahead, since boats don't run nearly as frequently as BART or buses. It would be a travesty if the Richmond service were suspended before it has a chance to reach its full potential.

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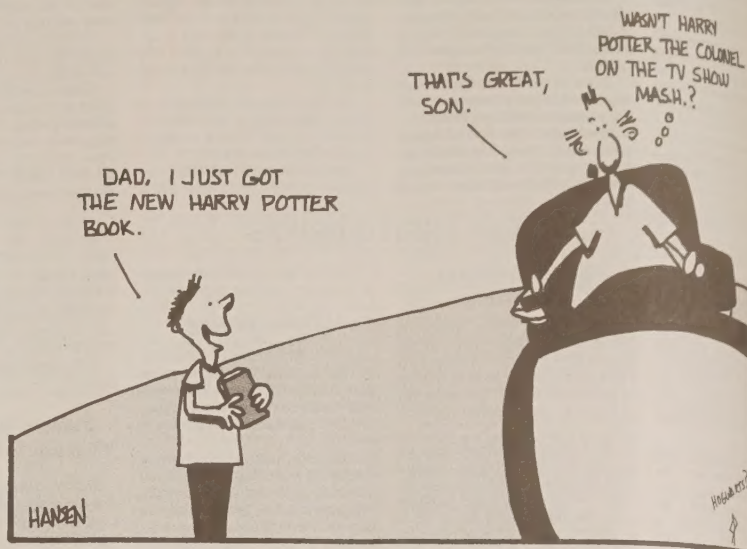
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## HARRY POTTER BOOKS ARE HOT THIS SUMMER



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks to Ely for a special day in Albany

I would just like to thank Mayor Jon Ely for making the Fourth of July such a special event in Albany.

Albany has always celebrated Fourth of July at Memorial Park, but for the past two years Mayor Ely has created a Fourth of July Committee to organize music, booths and family games. This year's volunteer committee was small but powerful! It consisted of Ray Anderson (who not only manned the information booth but also counted thousands of jelly beans for the "guess how many" contest), Jewel Okawachi (representing the Prevention Council with star ice-maker Kristina Osborn and Susan Myers, who created rainbow snow cones and cotton candy treats), Dianne (representing "Dogs by Dianne" for the annual pet contest), Roxanne Wiley (representing the chamber and giving away ice cream and selling Albany T-shirts — which by the way can still be purchased at the Chamber on weekdays), Sgt. Ron Benet (who with Janet Kraus represented APAL — organized game booths along with many APAL parent and student volunteers), and Jack Rosano (who gave a dazzling performance as emcee while smoothly running the exciting family games (gunny sack races and balloon toss).

Mayor Ely is not only the owner of most of the games used at the Fourth of July, he is a phenomenal source of ideas and information and a great organizer. I know he would be grateful for any new committee volunteers for next year!

Thank you, Mayor Ely, for all your time, energy and imagination and for giving Albany residents an old-fashioned July Fourth celebration!

Shannon McManus  
Albany

### True environmentalists?

Lori Dair dislikes full-body bus advertising. "I shudder every time one of those diesel billboards lurches by," says her July 7 Journal letter.

Her aesthetic opinion would be irrelevant, except that it ignores economic aspects. One would think that Sustainable El Cerrito, which tries to be the premier local environmental group in the city, would consider what our town could do with the money raised by bus ads.

For example, AC transit got \$1.5 million for bus advertising this year and hopes for three times that amount next year. Advertising on one bus can raise \$50,000 per year. Ten buses could therefore produce the \$500,000 needed to provide the "free and frequent" peak-period shuttle buses needed to make up for the 1,000 BART parking places recently displaced by Plaza renovation.

After many years of public statements about their pro-environmental views, promoting "in-fill and bike riding," one would think that Sustainable and the El Cerrito Democratic Club would have spearheaded the effort to use available funds for shuttle buses rather than another uneconomical BART garage. Yet not a peep from these groups.

Why not? The probable reason is that El Cerrito's "new urbanists" and "progressives" are dominated by would-be politicians more interested in their own advancement than serving public needs. They'd rather cozy up to building interests — contractors, bankers, the Central Labor Coalition in Martinez.

They ignore factual economic and impact

analysis in favor of political decision-making. Even worse, they have repeatedly relied on questionable figures from consultants beholden to the political bodies that hired them.

Many people who share the ideas of these groups are beginning to wonder if they will ever use objective analyses. How can you be a "new urbanist" and not work for public transit, i.e., shuttle buses that are obviously much more effective than a new BART garage? Yet the ECDC is on record as "not endorsing shuttle buses for El Cerrito." Sustainable El Cerrito has taken no position. If these groups don't endorse projects in accord with their alleged political positions, they will be seen as just "Front Organizations," whose actions contradict what they preach.

Let our town be truly pro environmental and fiscally responsible. We can lead our county in limiting congestion and air pollution caused by solo drivers who have no other alternative. The public must insist on accuracy and honesty about the benefits and costs of public projects!

Rosemary Loubal  
El Cerrito

### Save the whales

The future of the world's whales still hangs in the balance as countries such as Japan and Norway continue to push to revive commercial whaling.

Greenpeace is campaigning for the establishment of a South Pacific Whale Sanctuary and has the support of the nations in the region, including Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific island nations.

But Japan does not agree and is pressuring countries to oppose the resolution. Frankly, the vote is hanging in the balance and it currently looks as though Greenpeace will lose by an agonizingly small handful of votes.

Greenpeace has chosen "swing" countries who could be encouraged to vote for the resolution: Ireland and the Caribbean island nations of Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis. These countries could make all the difference.

Hopefully, with the entire world's cooperation, the whales can be saved.

Robyn Wolf  
El Cerrito

### Remembering Bullwinkle

There is much fuss being made of a movie these days titled "Rocky and Bullwinkle," and a lot of us remember a great TV series about those two enchanting cartoon animals.

The name "Bullwinkle" is quite distinctive but, best of all, it has a great local connection. Jay Ward, the man who worked in Berkeley and created this cartoon character, borrowed the "Bullwinkle" name from a man with West County roots.

Clarence Bullwinkle was an executive at the Richmond Ford plant; I'm not sure, but he might have been the general manager there. Anyway, when he retired from there, he opened a Ford dealership on College Avenue in Berkeley, Bullwinkle Ford.

Bullwinkle owned a used-car lot in Berkeley and I was fortunate enough to know this gentleman when we rented that lot from him for many years. The moose, Bullwinkle, was named after a gentle, gracious, kind and honest man — as nice as I ever met.

I know that from heaven, if there is one, Clarence Bullwinkle, with a twinkle in his eye, sees his name associated with the charming moose.

Robert P. Wells  
El Cerrito

### Greatest American 2000

I watched George W. Bush's TV speech to the NAACP today. It made me cry.

I said to myself, George W. is our new president. George W. will unite America.

I'm tired of every group of Americans blaming the other for their problems.

I'm tired of so many poor and unemployed Americans.

George W. will lead us, he will unite us and help us to improve life for everybody.

I'm 70 years old and this is the first time I've cried while listening to a political speech.

I'm from a small business G.O.P. family. I have always voted for the person.

Nader, Brown, and Buchanan all believe in the policies that I agree with, and George W. does not say everything that I believe in, but George W. is my man.

George W. will unite all Americans.

George W. is our (year 2000) Greatest American!

Mike Valdez  
El Solano

### Community responds to help fight breast cancer

On behalf of Avon Products, Inc. and the Breast Cancer Crusade, I would like to thank the citizens of El Cerrito for their support of the first San Francisco Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day, which takes place July 21-23. The response to the event has been extraordinary, and we reached maximum capacity of walkers and volunteer crew in March.

Several thousand women and men, more than 10 from the El Cerrito area, will also participate in the San Francisco event, a three-day, 24-mile walk from San Jose to San Francisco. It will raise awareness and funds for breast cancer. This is the fourth of seven Avon Breast Cancer 3-Days taking place this year, and monies generated will fund breast cancer medical research, support services, education and community breast health programs, with a focus on medically underserved women.

Avon Products Inc. established the Breast Cancer Crusade in 1993 and has raised \$55 million through sales of special Avon fund-raising products by Avon Sales Representatives and through the Avon 3-Days, which was launched in 1998. The Crusade has raised more than 500 community-based breast cancer programs nationwide, including the Breast Cancer 3-Day, the Avon Breast Cancer Plan of San Mateo-San Francisco, and breast cancer research at the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, UC Irvine Medical Center.

The breast cancer fight is of vital importance. Breast cancer continues to be the leading cause of death for women ages 40 to 59, and all women are at risk. The best chance for successful treatment still lies with early detection, and the American Cancer Society recommends women follow these steps: annual mammograms beginning at age 40, annual breast exams by a medical professional beginning at age 20, and monthly breast self-exams beginning at age 20.

Registration is at capacity for the San Francisco Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day, but we welcome volunteers and financial pledges. To get involved, call 415-593-9488 or visit [www.avoncrusade.com](http://www.avoncrusade.com). It will save lives and it might change yours.

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## State test scores a wake-up call

### West County School Watch

By Glen Price

their staffs based on those results.

And now, the good news is that there is hard evidence that this school district, our employees, parents and students are responding to the challenge of improving academic achievement. The STAR tests provide the evidence. Here is a recap:

- The district improved scores in 37 test areas, stayed the same in 2, and decreased in 4
- Grades 2 through 8 gained in all content areas and at all grade levels.

Several schools made striking gains. Examples include Harding Elementary School, which showed an average increase of 15 percentile points over its 1999 scores in reading. Hercules Elementary improved 13 percentile points in reading and 21 points in math. Cesar Chavez Elementary improved 15 percentile points in math. One of the district's lowest-performing schools, Verde Elementary, gained an average of 7 percentile points over its 1999 math scores and in some grade levels practically doubled its test scores.

To be sure, our scores are still a wake-up call. In no test area are we cumulatively performing above the 50th percentile. Improvements were most pronounced in our elementary schools and to a lesser degree our

### Free help available on benefits for disabled

People who receive services from the California Department of Rehabilitation are entitled to free help from the Client Assistance Program.

The program serves many Northern California counties, including Contra Costa and Alameda, and operates from the Center for Independent Living in Berkeley.

People with disabilities can get information to better understand the benefits available to them through the Department of Rehabilitation and other programs that receive rehabilitation services funding.

Advocates also can help develop good communications with the department, as well as resolve disputes and assist with appeals and grievances when necessary.

Staff members are available from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays at 800-225-1341.

### Grants available for breast cancer projects

The Contra Costa Breast Cancer Partnership has announced the availability of about \$68,000 in minigrants for projects that encourage low-income and uninsured women ages 40 and older to get annual breast exams.

Organizations, individuals, hospitals and health care providers serving Contra Costa County are eligible to apply and need no prior experience conducting breast cancer edu-

cation.

Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that incorporate breast health into existing program activities. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25.

A meeting to discuss the grants and how to apply for them will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. Aug. 8 at Summit Center, 2530 Arnold Drive in Martinez. Representatives will be available to discuss project ideas and provide tips on how to prepare a strong application.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in California. Contra Costa County has one of the highest rates of breast cancer in the state. Call 925-313-6764.

### Stroll seeks nominations for 'Local Legacies'

Know anyone who embodies the spirit of Berkeley or Albany? Nominations are now being accepted for Local Legacies, those people who embody the aspirations and ideals of Berkeley and Albany.

The theme for this year's Solano Avenue Stroll, to be held Sept. 10, will be "Local Legacies on Parade." This year the Stroll itself joined a national list of "Local Legacies" in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., and is now part of their permanent collection, thanks to the nomination by Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

Fittingly, the Stroll will celebrate Local Legacies in the weeks prior to the Stroll and during the parade. With Wavy Gravy as Grand Marshal,

the parade promises to be chock-full of fun and colorful entries.

If you would like to nominate someone, please write a 25-word minimum nomination. Include the your name, address and telephone number and those of the person you are nominating, and mail it to the Solano Avenue Association, 1563 Solano Ave. #101, Berkeley, CA 94707 or e-mail it to [lbullwink@aol.com](mailto:lbullwink@aol.com) by tomorrow. The person must be alive and residing in Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito or Kensington.

If your nomination is accepted, you get the honor of riding or walking with that person in the parade! In case of more than one entry per nomination, best-written nomination wins. Call 510-527-5358 for more details.

### Music program starting for pre-schoolers

EL CERRITO — The city is hosting Jingle Jamboree, a preschool music program on Mondays from July 31-Aug. 28 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

In the program, preschoolers ages 3 to 5 will learn music through fun song games in this parent-and-child participation class.

Children will learn a variety of musical skills, including rhythm, melody, tempo, dynamics, etc. Come

laugh and sing with us in this enjoyable class that gives children a positive introduction to music.

Classes are 9:30-10:30 a.m. and the cost is \$25 for residents, \$31.25 for nonresidents. The instructor is Jeffrey Luna-Sparks. For more information call 215-4370.

### Ventriloquist will spin dragon tales in free program at EC Library

Ventriloquist Randal McGee and his sidekick Groark present dragon tales in a free program at the El Cerrito Branch Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 29.

The free program is sponsored by the Friends of the El Cerrito Library. For more details call 510-526-7512.

### 'Good night,' Little Farm

On July 22 from 3-4 p.m. at the Tilden Nature Area, kids and parents can tuck the farm animals in for the evening with a snack, story and song and help close up the farm so they can see which animals sleep in a box, balance on a bar or sleep standing up. The free program is led by Jessica Sheppard.

Meet at the Little Farm at 3 p.m. For more information call 510-525-2233.

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# In the old country, the Gersons didn't disappoint

When Lily Gerson went to Germany recently, it was for an event that would have been a great joy to her late husband, Hans, who passed away not long ago. The Senate of Hamburg, together with the author and publishers, were dedicating a book about Hans' father, also Hans, and his uncle, Oskar, both very popular and beloved architects in that city before the Holocaust.

Lily brought a copy of the book for me to see. Of course, it was written in German, but the photographs of their work were breathtaking. More than a half century ago, Strong, yet soaring, I was terribly impressed. Lily, whose husband, Hans, was also an architect, said they had been given a tour of the Gerson buildings, both Hans' and Oskar's, and they were indeed marvelous. She said the dedication ceremony was held in front of one of them, the Ballin Haus, named for the famous Jewish philanthropist.

She told of one home where the family for whom it was designed did a great deal of entertaining. In a very large dining room with a very large table, she said, the floor opened, the table sank down, and the room became a very large-bar room. Amazing. And she told of going to the home where Hans had grown up, where the people invited them in, and told them they were so proud to live in the "Gerson House." And in the Ballin Haus, where gases had been stored during the war, there was a plaque in German and Yiddish which read "Those who disappoint will themselves be disappointed."

And she said twice, while standing in front of one of the houses, someone came by and asked what was happening. Being told that the

## Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

children and grandchildren of the Gerson brothers were visiting their fathers' houses, the person said, "I have a Gerson house. I live in the next block. Do come and see it."

Hans (the senior) Gerson's firm in Hamburg operated from 1908 until 1933, just before Hitler's ascension to power. This Hans (the father) died then, at 50 years of age, when young Hans was only 15 years old. The younger Hans went from Germany to England. He told Lily the moment the Nazis came into power he knew "it was all over." At the liberal school he had been attending, the head of the school was dismissed and replaced by "a good Nazi." Recognizing that he would not be allowed to graduate, he left Germany and went to London, first to Bristol, then to London. It was there that he studied architecture, as did his cousin, Wolfgang, who followed him to England (they were very close).

During the war, when the English interned all Germans, Hans and Wolfgang were interned on the Isle of Man; they were let go after about six months.

Hans' job in London was to go through the streets after a bombing to assess the damage that had been done. Then the German refugees who lived near the coast were shipped to Canada, and Wolfgang was among them. He stayed in Canada and became an architect in Vancouver, and a professor at the University of British Columbia.

Hans had met and married Hilda and had one son, Nicholas, when, after the war, in about 1946, he brought his family to Berkeley,

Hans Gerson became a very well-known local architect, working on public projects such as the old Cragmont School and Willard Junior High.

where his sister Maria and brother Helmut already lived. Here he established his own firm, running it alone until he met a man at an Art Commission in Berkeley. He invited Mr. Overstreet to become part of his firm. Then, noticing that there were no African-American architects working as architects, Hans said, "I am going to do something about that," and invited Overstreet to become a partner. The firm became Gerson-Overstreet. Speaking recently at Gerson's memorial, Overstreet said, "He was my mentor."

Hans Gerson became a very well-known local architect, working on public projects such as the old Cragmont School and Willard Junior High, the swim center and other such projects. He designed some synagogues, including Richmond's Temple Beth Hillel, where Lily was a long-time member (he also became a member when they married). And he worked on the restoration of the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco, where he was the architect in charge.

Lily and Hans had both lost their first spouses when they married some 25 years ago. In fact, they were to celebrate their 25th anniversary soon, but Hans passed away before that could happen.

And what about the book? Well, it

developed that Claudia, daughter of Wolfgang, worked for Lufthansa and made several business trips to Hamburg. During one of these, while riding in a taxi with her boss, she passed, and pointed out, one of the buildings her grandfather, Oskar, had built. The taxi driver, it turned out, knew all about the Gerson brothers and had a colleague who was even more interested. It was this colleague, Wolfgang Voigt, who wrote the book about the brothers.

The children of both families attended the dedication. Wolfgang Voigt had visited them here twice while writing the book, and always planned to invite them over when the book was published. Unfortunately, it was too late for Hans, but Lily says there were 11 of them in attendance on that wonderful day, as was the taxi driver who started the whole thing.

Although I had known Hans Gerson for some time, it was fascinating to learn about him and his very talented family. I thank Lily for talking about it with me. And I invite all of you to give me your ideas: interesting people, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call 525-4585. My e-mail is [ergenser@aol.com](mailto:ergenser@aol.com).

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Just plagiarize, baby: Did you see the 49ers' press conference last week introducing their new CEO, Peter Harris? My eyebrows shot way up when I heard him talk about "Commitment To Excellence" and "The Greatness Of The 49ers." Haven't you heard these words somewhere before?

Oh, well. The guy is new in town, and maybe it's just a coincidence. But if I ever hear him talking about "Pride And Poise," that's when I'll draw the line.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon's newly-ballyhoosed anti-missile system flunked its first test last week. They told us it was going to be "Star Wars," but it turned out to be "The Phantom Menor."

Hey, kids! How'd you like to be the first one on your block to have your very own Klein bottle?

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Trouble is, the only way you can view a Klein bottle is if you cut it in four dimensions, and we live in three.

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In the meantime, remember the words of the poet:

A German topologist named Klein thought a Möbius Loop was divine. Said he, "If you glue The edges of two You get a weird bottle like mine."

My cat has a crush on Jack Germond.

You know him, don't you? He's the Baltimore Sun columnist who appears on "Inside Washington" every Sunday at 5 p.m. on Channel 9. He's the Fat Guy In The Middle. (Don't get mad at me; that's the title of his autobiography.)

I don't know if it's his avuncular chuckle or what, but Phoebe is totally nuts about him. Every time he speaks, she languorously stretches out on the rug in front of the TV, as if she were stoned on catnip.

She's also very fond of Elizabeth Farnsworth, the honey-voiced

anchor of "The News Hour With Jim Lehrer."

On the other hand, she absolutely hates "The McLaughlin Group." All that screaming makes her hide under the bed. And it's not a question of politics, either. She hates liberal Eleanor Clift's braying just as much as she hates conservative John McLaughlin's shouting.

The reason I'm telling you this — aside from the fact that I just like talking about Phoebe — is that it gives me a segue into the next story, which is about Berkeley pianist Ann Jean Millikan.

She's recorded a CD called "Piano For Pet Lovers: Bach To Debussy." (Phoebe gives it three paws up.) And she's donating a portion of the proceeds to the San Francisco SPCA, Pets In Need and other animal welfare organizations.

As for the SF/SPCA, it hosted the Mother of All New-Age Events last week — a conference titled "Kinship With All Life." One speaker said we humans should greet each other the same way dogs do. (!)

At one workshop titled "Insects as Messengers and Soul Carriers," (!!) another speaker talked about "the positive side of malaria." (!!!)

Finally, I'd like to salute the unsung heroes who, unnoticed, practice (as the saying goes) "random acts of kindness" every day.

In this hustle-and-bustle world, it's all too easy to overlook them. But lately I've been noticing an encouraging outbreak of unselfish gestures.

Like the guy I saw on the 51 AC Transit bus last week who gave his seat to a pregnant woman.

Or the UPS driver on University Avenue who noticed I was having trouble getting anyone to let me change lanes, so he deliberately slowed down and gave up his right-of-way to let me in.

Or the gardener at the Ashby

BART station who turned off his leaf blower whenever people walked by, so their eardrums wouldn't get blasted by the sound. (Ditto for a guy named Moses who lives on Dwight Way, who turned off his leaf blower when he saw a dog coming because he didn't want to scare the poor pooch.)

Or the anonymous person who found a \$45 BART ticket I'd lost and mailed it to me, along with a note reading, "This is your lucky day!" There was nothing to prevent him/her from using the ticket himself/herself. Instead, he/she took the trouble (and spent a 33-cent stamp, besides) to mail it back to me. Whoever you are, thanks.

Or the guy who parks cars at Alta Bates Hospital's Herrick campus, which is where a lot of cancer patients go for treatment. I don't know his name, but he goes out of his way to greet each patient with a warm hello and an encouraging smile. No big thing, perhaps; but I'll bet it makes what must be a scary experience a little less frightening.

And these are just the people I noticed in only a few days! They're probably just the tip of the iceberg.

So why don't you keep your eyes open for unsung heroes in your neighborhood and let me know about them? I promise to put them in the paper, and we can all thank them properly.

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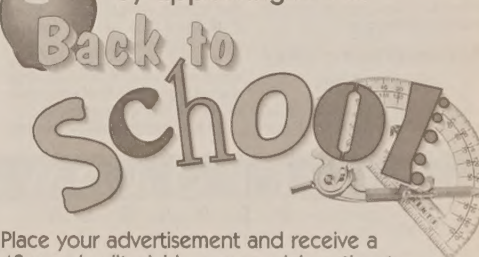
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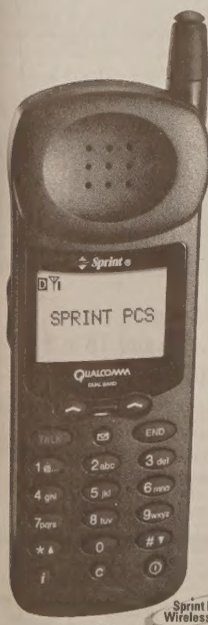
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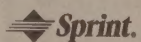
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## KPFA

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lar general manager Nicole Sawaya, then fired broadcasters Larry Bensky and Robbie Osman for criticizing the

firing on their radio shows. Though the rancor has quieted, ensuing events still have employees simmering.

KPFA, like other Pacifica stations, had its own advisory board, from which members formerly rotated into positions on Pacifica's national board.

Pacifica stopped the practice last year. The foundation has moved its headquarters from Berkeley to Washington, D.C., and has not hired a permanent replacement for Sawaya. Employees say the fired employees should get their jobs back. They also want assurances the 51-year-old sta-

tion won't be sold. "I'm not very confident in anything they say," said broadcaster Kris Welch. "It's sad. Someday we have to figure out what we have in common." Executive committee member Pete

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## McManus

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Issues that he has supported over the years include securing adequate playing field space, providing a better business climate, improving the city's financial base and working to restore state funding for the city's waterfront.

He claimed his reasons for moving are "somewhat work-related — just a change of life."

McManus was active in opening Cafe Crayon (later the McManus Pub & Grill; now Cafe Eclectica, the cafe designated for Albany's youth) and, more recently, he has been working to get the Teen Center moved to the Albany Middle School. He also has been the president of the Solano Av-

enue Association and represented the city during negotiations with the Solid Waste Management Authority. Marsha Skinner, whose time on the Albany school board includes four of McManus' six years, said his major accomplishments during that time were helping to pass a bond measure that funded the middle school and in negotiating to rebuild the high school. The move to direct funding to the new middle school rather than to reinforce the high school as originally intended did not sit well with some in the community, but Albany has an entirely new facility in place and another under construction to show for it.

"We depended on his expertise the most because of his (knowledge of) construction and his experience negotiating with contractors," she said.

McManus waded into a milder controversy this past March when he presented an emergency ordinance that temporarily banned commercial landowners from renting or leasing space for professional, general business or media office purposes at any ground floor location on Solano Avenue and part of San Pablo Avenue. The move, which was approved 4-1, was highly criticized by doctors, real estate business people and other professionals in that area, but McManus maintained some action was necessary to keep non-retail businesses from taking a disproportionate share of ground floor space.

McManus plans to bring his two daughters, ages 10 and 12, to their new home in mid-August.

"But I'll be coming back to take care of things. I will probably miss

two meetings in September," he added.

He explained the move as a realization of an idea that's been on the back burner for some time.

"It was sort of a fantasy," he said. "We've been spending summer vacations back in Massachusetts and have been talking about the possibility (of moving) for a couple years now."

McManus, who travels as a contractor, sites highway congestion as the bane of his existence in the Bay Area.

"I'll miss Albany — it's enjoyable because of all the acquaintances and friends I have," he said. "But, obviously, something we'll miss a lot less is the traffic nightmare anytime you leave town. It's gotten so congested and crowded over the years."

## Watch

FROM PAGE A5

middle schools. Results from our high schools were decidedly more mixed, with an exception being Richmond High School, which showed improvement over 1999 levels in 14 out of 15 test areas.

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### Community cleanup scheduled for Verde Elementary School

Community organizations, the School District and participating North Richmond residents have scheduled a cleanup and major painting initiative for Verde School on Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29. The outstanding new principal, Janice Banks Thompson, wants to create an appealing learning environment for students and teachers

before school begins in late August.

All help is welcome and will be well-used either day. A barbecue is being planned Saturday afternoon. Skilled painters who can assist as team leaders would be especially appreciated. For more information contact Keith Axtell at 415-436-8414 or Keith E. Axtell@HUD.gov.

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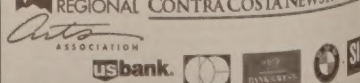
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## KPFA

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ation said he is not aware of any current plan to sell the station or of any other measures on the part of the station. He conceded that the numbers in Berkeley have gone up in the past year.

"It is my contention that it's not (for sale)," he said, though he admitted he might not be in on discussions to sell if they exist.

There are some bylaws in the works that would allegedly preclude a sale. But there's some bicker-

ing going on (among board members) and between the individuals who submitted it and the lawyers. I just want to get it done so there's no ambiguity" regarding the possibility of selling, he said.

Bramson agreed that the national board's rapport with the station has not changed much in the past year, adding, "The board in its entirety does not have a good relationship with local boards (anywhere)."

He also said he hopes Sawaya, Bensky and Osman will be rehired, but claims ignorance about any possible actions on the matter.

Following the interviews, Welch reminded listeners on the air to participate in the station's first public election

of its local board.

A Media Alliance table provided T-shirts, pins and other paraphernalia. "Media Alliance helped do a lot of the media work (last year)," said program coordinator Rebeka Rodriguez.

Gray said he hoped the event also would draw attention to the election, which he expects to take place in August. While KPFA workers — both paid and unpaid — will elect some members, two-thirds will be voted in by residents. Seven or eight seats will be open for voting; Curt hopes for a total of 15-20 members.

"We're trying to publicize the fact that we want to democratically elect our representatives," said Sylvia

Scherzer, a retired Berkeley school teacher who was arrested a year ago June 21. "My parents have been listener/sponsors for 50 years. (KPFA) is my family," she said.

Some loyalists, however, think the board has done fine as a self-electing body.

One such local is Sandra Gey, who demonstrated at the station religiously last year. "I had to promise myself to only come down every other night," she said.

"I think (the elections) are important but not crucial," the 30-year Berkeley resident said, adding that KPFA members have always appointed "good people from the community."

## Tehiyah

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withes high, and limiting the size of Phase II to 10,230 square feet.

Phase II plans were approved by the city's Planning Commission in October 1999. The Planning Commission set a number of conditions for maximum enrollment to 100 students; it also allowed the size of the Phase II plan to increase from 10,000 square feet to 10,230 square feet.

Tehiyah greatly appreciates the help our neighbors have spent with us in trying to find an acceptable alternative roof design for our proposed multi-purpose room," Loebl said in her letter to the city. "We hope the most recent compromise design will be acceptable to all parties involved."

"The functional requirements for the planned elementary school basketball program and the multi-purpose room can be met with a building whose peak height above the Phase I floor level is 17 feet instead of the 23.5 feet approved," Magyary said in his June 26 written appeal of the DRB's approval.

"Reducing the height to 17 feet would at least partially restore the views of some residents and in addition would mitigate the impact of this massive project on the neighborhood as a whole," he added.

Magyary suggested flattening the curve of the barrel roof, grading the site and reducing the inside height of the gymnasium.

At last week's City Council meeting, Magyary spoke to the council and said he hopes a compromise between the school and the neighbors can be reached before the September public hearing.

In a talk last week, Loebl said the school intends to continue working with the neighbors to try to find a solution.

"We feel we are part of the neighborhood," she said. "We don't feel that we are excluded. We are one of the neighbors — so our approach is to go and talk to the neighbors and try to work things out."

Loebl, who has two children enrolled at Tehiyah and is on the school's board of directors, said, "The thing that we'd like to do with the neighbors is to find the most comfortable common ground that we can. Everybody will have to make some compromises and we certainly are willing to do that and have shown that we will."

The Jewish community school was founded in 1979 in Berkeley by a group of parents.

The K-8 school originally obtained a use permit in 1983 to operate an

independent school on the site of the old Mira Vista Annex public school on Tassajara Avenue in El Cerrito.

The permit was amended in 1992 to allow for increased enrollment and established additional requirements for operations and city approval.

In March, 1996, the Planning Commission approved Tehiyah's master plan for future development in three phases. Neighbors appealed that approval to the City Council and the commission's decision was upheld.

In April 1996, the DRB approved the design plans for Phase I of the school's master plan. That project, completed in the fall of 1996, resulted in about 4,000 square feet of new construction consisting of four classrooms and support spaces.

The final building project, Phase III of the master plan, will replace portable classrooms with permanent buildings and a library.

## Council

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Janet Abelson voted to deny the appeal and uphold the commission's decision.

At the suggestion of City Attorney Howard Stern a new public hearing was scheduled and will be held August.

Councilwoman Gina Brusatori urged her vote from the June 19 hearing after raising questions about enrollment numbers and feeder city policy.

Large family day care homes in the city must be at least 300 feet apart. The proposed Montessori school, according to the appeal, sits filed with the city, is about

225 feet from the Sycamore Christian Preschool currently being operated at a nearby church.

"The addition of the new day care center would then surround Lawrence Court with child care facilities," Schultz said in his appeal.

The proposed Rising Sun Montessori School, however, is classified as a day care center, not located in the provider's home, and is allowed to be nearer than 300 feet to the existing preschool program.

At last week's meeting, Brusatori pointed out that the nearby preschool program has an enrollment of 24, but the council had initially approved up to 35 children in the proposed Rising Sun program.

"What you might have is then the people that have the 24 ratcheting up," Brusatori said. "We may have

some unintended consequences."

Brusatori also talked about a past discussion about why the city has the 300 foot distance requirement and asked that the Rising Sun matter be remanded back to the Planning Commission.

"I would ask, with that preface, if we could remand this back to the Planning Commission to look at two policy issues," Brusatori told her colleagues.

"One is — before we do anything on this — look at it in context of having the other facility having 24 children and figuring out if it is something that we should just be keeping both the same at 24," she said. "The second issue is looking at whether or not something in an institutional building vs. a residence as far as what is applicable to 300 feet."

Councilwoman Kathleen Perka, who at the June 19 meeting suggested limiting Rising Sun to 24 students, pointed out there are other day care facilities in the area.

"We have a considerable number of day care facilities just in this small little neighborhood," Perka said.

"If you're going to consider new facts, you should reopen the (public) hearing," attorney Stern told the council members.

After some discussion, the council voted on the resolution, granted the appeal, and set a new public hearing for its Aug. 7 meeting.

"We will look at some of the broader policy issues and we will reopen the public hearing specifically on this application," Mayor Mark Friedman said after the vote.


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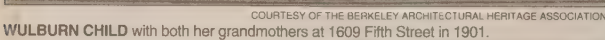
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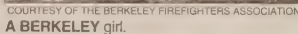




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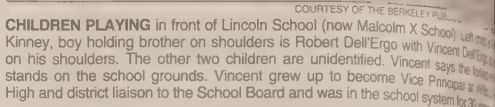
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## Do I need a termite inspection on a new home?

It's not uncommon to find considerable damage from wood-destroying pests in an older home, particularly if maintenance has been put off. Many wood-destroying pest problems, such as termite infestation and dry rot, are the result of deferred maintenance.

For instance, a shower that isn't properly caulked will leak which can cause dry rot in the wood framing. Or a deck that's not kept sealed can become weathered and dry rotted over time.

But you usually don't expect to find wood-destroying pest problems in a new or nearly new home. And, in fact, buyers often forego a termite inspection on a new home.

This can be a big mistake. One seller, who recently sold her four year old home, discovered to her dismay that there was over \$15,000 of "termite" work required in order for the structural pest control company to issue a certification that the property was free and clear of wood-destroying pest infestation. The building was free of termite infestation, but there was significant dry rot.

In a relatively new home like this there shouldn't have been extensive dry rot. However the home hadn't been constructed properly. The waterproofing membranes on the deck and front porch were faulty. Both the deck and porch leaked.

To further complicate the situation, there was no ventilation underneath the front porch, so when the framing under the porch became saturated with water there was no way for it to dry out.

To correct the problem, the entire front porch had to be ripped out and re-

constructed with a new waterproof membrane and adequate ventilation.

Don't assume that just because a home is new, or nearly new, that you don't need a termite inspection. Any

of current wood-destroying pest infestation, there may be conditions that might lead to future infestation. For example, inspectors frequently find cellulose debris underneath new homes.

Cellulose debris is the byproduct of construction and includes such things as scraps of wood that can become a breeding place for subterranean termites. Ask the builder to remove cellulose debris before the deal is closed.

Make sure that the pest control inspector water-tests decks and stairs that have a waterproofing membrane underneath them. If a membrane leaks, have the builder repair or replace it.

Sometimes contractors inadvertently nail through a waterproofing membrane and, in so doing, sacrifice its integrity. A leaky membrane can lead to dry rot problems like those described in the example above. Also once in awhile, the wood used to construct a home is infested with wood pests.

Be sure to use a local structural pest control contractor who has a good reputation for doing thorough inspections and who is familiar with local conditions.

Many wood pest problems are area-specific. For example, while subterranean termites are prevalent in the San Francisco Bay area, dry-wood termites are more common in Southern California.

### Real Estate Forum



By Dian Hymer

home you buy, regardless of its age, should be inspected by a structural pest control company for wood-destroying pests. Your purchase contract should include a provision that allows you to have the property inspected for wood-destroying pests like termites, wood-boring beetles, carpenter ants, dry rot and fungus.

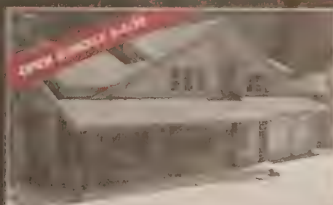
The contract should also indicate who (buyer or seller) will pay to correct any damage that's found.

A termite inspection is a generic term used for an inspection by a licensed structural pest control contractor that covers wood-destroying pests and organisms. The inspection should also indicate conditions that might lead to infestation and damage in the future even if currently there isn't any infestation or damage.

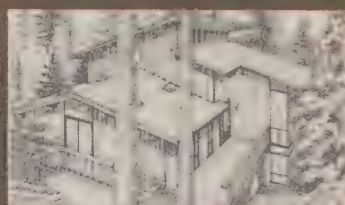
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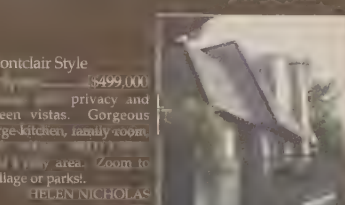
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# Seller should consider home inspection

**Q.** I am thinking of selling my house in the fall and a Realtor friend of mine suggested that I have the house inspected before I put it on the market. I don't think that it is really necessary because my husband took good care of the house. He even remodeled the kitchen and bathrooms. My husband is now in the hospital, and I don't have a lot of extra money to spend. Won't the buyers have to pay for an inspection when they buy the house? Is there any real reason why I should do it? Mrs. G.S., Livermore

**A.** Selling your house today is more complicated than it was even 15 years ago. The main reason is the disclosure requirements of the State of California. The disclosure laws basically state that a seller must disclose to a buyer, every "known" material fact that may affect the desirability of the house. Sellers are also expected to disclose potential "red flags", conditions that may in-

**Having your house inspected before you sell is probably one of the best things that a you as a seller can do to protect your interests and limit your exposure to liabilities**

dicating a problem such as noisy neighbors, poor drainage, or unstable soil.

The real estate sales contract that you will be using when you sell your house contains a two page form called the Transfer Disclosure Statement, or the TDS-14. The sellers are required to fill out based on their knowledge of the property.

This document is then given to the buyer, usually within three days of signing the contract, and becomes the basis for the "disclosed" condition of the property.

Any pertinent information that is not disclosed or is discovered after the signing of the contract, can potentially create a situation of liability or vulnerability for the seller.

Because of disclosure laws, buyers have the right to seek the recovery of damages resulting from non disclosed items from the seller. That is why it is so important for sellers to know everything they can about the condition of their houses before they decide to sell.

The dilemma is that most people know very little about the houses they live in, particularly if they are not the original owners.

The lack of this knowledge can be detrimental to sellers once they are in contract with a buyer, and the buyer's inspector(s) discover conditions that were not disclosed. Significant, undisclosed items can put the seller in the position of either paying for corrections or lowering the sales price, in order to complete the sale.

Having your house inspected before you sell is probably one of the best things that a you as a seller can do to protect your interests and limit your exposure to liabilities during and after the sales transaction.

A pre-sale inspection can often provide you with valuable information on the current condition of the house and property site that you are not aware of. And having this information is critical if the TDS-14 is to be filled out accurately.

The inspection will include important information about the property site, drainage around the building, the exterior of the building, the roof and the utility disconnects.

It will also include the interior of the house, the electrical wiring, plumbing lines, the furnace and the water heater, and finally, information about the structural framing in the attic and the garage and the presence of any health and safety concerns.

Once you have this information, you will have the opportunity to decide whether or not you want to fix or correct an item before you enter



JOHN SCHNEIDER

into a contract with a buyer. Once in a contract, you often have limited choices in the cost and manner that repairs are done because of the time restraints built into the agreement.

If you decide not to fix certain items, you can make that choice, as long as you state that information in the Transfer Disclosure Statement.

If you are working with a Realtor, discuss the inspection report with your agent before you make any decisions.

Agents can often advise you whether or not it would be in your best interest to have certain items repaired. Correcting health and safety conditions is far more important than fixing something that poses little exposure to liability, or a minimal cost to fix. Your agent can also help you establish the terms of the sale based on what is being disclosed.

All About Homes has developed a three page check list called the "Seller's Property Review", that sellers can use to help evaluate the condition of their homes.

By answering the questions in the checklist, a home owner will be guided through an inspection of the interior and exterior of their homes, as well as the property site. If you would like to receive a copy, write or fax us at the number below.

John R. Schneider is a licensed general building contractor and a certified residential code specialist. He is president of All About Homes, a residential inspection company, and has been performing code and construction consultations since 1985.

Readers may address their comments to John Schneider, 24326 Mission Blvd. Suite 7, Hayward, Ca 94544. Fax number: 510 537-8666. Please include your phone number. Schneider will answer questions of general interest in the paper. He reserves the right to edit the letter for brevity and clarity.

Readers are encouraged to contact a competent contractor or code consultant for specific information regarding questions they may have about their homes.

## Slower economy puts pressure on rates

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McLEAN, VA - In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 8.09 percent, with an average cost of 0.9 point, for the week ending July 14, down from last week's average of 8.16 percent.

This time last year the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage average was 7.58 percent.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has not been lower since December 31, 1999 when it averaged 8.06 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages is 7.80 percent this week, with an average cost 0.9 point, also down from last week's average of 7.88 percent.

A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.19 percent.

The rate for one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 7.22 percent this week, with an average cost of 0.9 point, slipping from last week's average of 7.27 percent.

At the end of the third week of July 1999, the 1-year ARM averaged 5.97 percent.

"Recently released government figures point towards a slow-down in economic growth. The alleviated upward pressure on interest rates, although rates are still more," said Freddie Mac's deputy chief economist. "The rate for one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 7.22 percent this week, with an average cost of 0.9 point, slipping from last week's average of 7.27 percent." At the end of the third week of July 1999, the 1-year ARM averaged 5.97 percent.

## Borrower, be aware

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If you're considering applying for a personal loan and using your home to guarantee repayment, you should know that a federal credit law gives you three days to reconsider a signed credit agreement and cancel the deal without penalty.

Your "right to rescind" or "right to cancel" is guaranteed by the Truth In Lending Act. You can rescind for any reason but only if you are using your principal residence—whether it is a condominium, mobile home, or house boat—as collateral, not a vacation or second home.

Under the right to rescind, you have until midnight of the third business day to cancel the credit transaction.

Day one begins after all three of the following occur: you sign the credit contract; you receive a Truth in Lending disclosure form containing certain key information about the credit contract, including the annual percentage rate; finance charge; amount financed; and payment schedule; and you receive two copies of a Truth in Lending notice explaining your right to rescind.

For rescission purposes, business days include Saturdays but not Sundays or legal public hol-

idays. For example, if the events listed above take place on a Friday, you have until midnight on the next Tuesday to rescind.

During this waiting period, activity related to the contract cannot take place. The creditor may not deliver the money for the loan. If you're dealing with a home improvement loan, the contractor may not deliver any materials or start work.

If you decide to rescind, you must notify the creditor in writing. You may not rescind by telephone or in a face-to-face conversation with the creditor. Your written notice must be mailed, filed for telegraphic transmission, or delivered if by other written means, before midnight of the third business day.

If you cancel the contract, the security interest in your home is also canceled, and you are not liable for any amount, including the finance charge.

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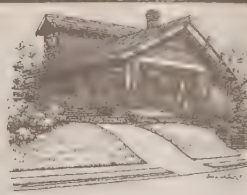
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Rome's Piazza Novanna with the 17th century Saint Agnese Church, which is undergoing a thorough cleaning of its facade, revealing the original, bright white color of its granite facing.

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## Lessons from Italy: the Eternal City

Part 3 of 3 parts

It is hard to say anything about the city of Rome that hasn't been said already. During its 2,753-year-long history, so many things have been written about the "Eternal City," that it is difficult to come up with any original observations about this ancient place.

For example, much has been written recently about the restoration of the famous frescoes painted by Michelangelo in the early 1500s on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

The last time I saw them in 1978, they were faded and worn with time, though still magnificent. Looking at them again a few weeks ago was a different experience. The colors were much richer and brighter, without looking like they had been painted

last week, as some restorations do. But it was the restoration of Rome's architectural treasures that I was most interested in seeing.

In celebration of the "Jubilee Year," or two thousandth anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Italian government spent billions of dollars (or more accurately, trillions of lira) on the restoration and a general cleaning up of hundreds of historic churches, villas, statues, fountains,

### Owning a Piece of History



By Mark A. Wilson

and public plazas. This massive facelift has had an effect in almost every corner of Rome by now (though strangely not at the Pantheon, which looks much worse for wear inside than the last time I saw it over twenty years ago).

The Church of Saint Agnese in Agone on the Piazza Navona, is a good example of the restoration work that's being done in Rome. This famous church was designed by the great Baroque architect Francesco Borromini in 1657. It is undergoing

a thorough cleaning of its facade, which is revealing the original bright white color of its granite facing, (though personally, I prefer some patina of age on historic buildings).

The interior, with its spectacular frescoed dome, is also being resurfaced and re-informed, so that the rich hues and gilded surfaces of the walls and ceiling shine like new.

The Trevi Fountain has also had a facelift, of sorts. When I last saw it in the early 1980s, it was dark with streaks of discoloration from the effects of Rome's infamous air pollution. Now, it has been scrubbed completely clean, and its familiar white horses and gods practically glow in the bright Roman sunshine. But Roman architects and city planners also been making a concerted effort to maintain the principles of complementing aesthetics and visual integration in their newest construction,

and in the upgrading of earlier modern buildings as well.

This can be seen quite clearly in the recently completed work on two of Rome's most prestigious hotels: in the design of the brand new Airport Hilton, near Fiumicino Airport; and in the interior remodeling of the Cavalieri Hilton, above the Vatican.

### A tale of two hotels

The Airport Hilton hotel is the newest four star hotel in Italy. It had a preliminary opening last November, but construction was only completed in March of this year.

The architect of this innovative Post Modern style building was Giovanni Rebecchini, a highly respected architect from Rome. Giovanni's father was the mayor of Rome about fifty years ago. His family has been very successful in business; they own several hotels (including the Airport Hilton), golf courses, theme parks, and the popular "super three" national television station.

The design of the Airport Hilton reflects Giovanni Rebecchini's choice of Classical Roman motifs and materials (adapting historic motifs is a basic principle of all Post Modern architecture).

Roman travertine marble is used in public areas throughout the interior of the hotel, the arched windows on the exterior are Roman, as is the red brick along part of the facade, and the squared columns in the lobby are modifications of Tuscan style columns. There is much that is strictly modern about this hotel as well.

There is a large Pomodoro spherical sculpture near the elevators on the ground floor; the walls all have paintings by the latest young Italian artists, and the restaurant and bar have an elegant modern decor, with warm colors and rich materials. Then there is the staff, which is almost entirely composed of young people from all over Europe.

The location of the Airport Hilton was carefully chosen. Its slogan is that it is "The only hotel in Italy with its own airport." The hotel's entrance is literally walking distance from the international terminal of Fiumicino

Airport (formerly Leonardo Da Vinci Airport).

It is about 20 miles from the center of Rome. But the best feature of this hotel's location is that it is only three miles from the entrance to Ostia Antica. Ostia Antica was the port city for ancient Rome.

From the first century BC until the fifth century AD, Ostia was one of the richest cities in the Roman Empire. The finest goods and products of the empire passed through this port, allowing its citizens to enjoy an uncommonly lavish lifestyle. There were theaters, restaurants, bars, thermal baths, a large arena, an impressive civic center, multi-story apartment blocks, and even loft-like artist's studios.

Today, Ostia Antica sits three miles from the Mediterranean shoreline. Its buildings were preserved by silt for over fifteen hundred years, and have been excavated during the past several decades.

To walk through these remarkably complete streets is to take a poignant, and at times breathtaking trip through time. A visit to this incredible piece of the past will convince you that the more we learn about the Romans, the more obvious it is that they were just like us.

The Cavalieri Hilton Hotel is a very different type of modern hotel. Constructed in 1963 atop the highest hill in Rome, it overlooks the Vatican City and the dome of Saint Peter's Church. (The Vatican once owned the hotel's fifteen-acre, lushly landscaped plot).

This is the only major building in Rome where you can look down on Saint Peter's, since the Vatican decreed long ago that no structure may be as tall as the cupola atop its dome. The style of this hotel is unabashedly 1960s kitsch.


The exterior of the building, and the bar on the ground floor haven't changed much since that decade. When I first entered the hotel, I half expected to see Jacqueline Kennedy

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1ST-CENTURY column at Rome's ancient port city. Just three miles from Rome, the town is a treasure trove of architectural artifacts.

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**THE OLD AND THE NEW:** the 18th century Baroque masterpiece the Trevi Fountain, above left, glows in the sun. A symbol of Rome for many tourists, recent renovation work has put the landmark in its best light. The sharp lines of the exterior of the Post Modern Rome Airport, above right, stands in contrast to the fountain's exquiteness.

## Wilson

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walk by in a pill box hat. But most of the interior of the Hilton Cavalieri Hotel has been remodeled tastefully during the past couple of years.

All of the hotel's 371 rooms have been updated.

On the top floor is a magnificent restaurant called La Pergola, with a commanding view of the entire city of Rome. The decor of La Pergola is supremely Post Modern, with an Arts and Crafts flavor.

The menu here is nouvelle cuisine, with an emphasis on Italian regional dishes and wines (it has been rated as one of the top nine restaurants in Rome by the Michelin Guide).

It is in the executive floors and suites, on the top two levels of the hotel, where the most extensive remodeling has been done.

The philosophy behind the design of the executive club rooms was to incorporate historical paintings and objects d'art into a sort of recreation of an elegant nineteenth century gentleman's club.

The paintings and drawings come from the hotel's permanent collection, which ranges from the early 16th to the mid 20th century, and includes pieces by such famous Italian artists as Canaletto.

Appropriately, the lovely neo-classic fireplaces in the executive

club rooms are made from fine Italian marble.

The examples that Italy has set—preserving its rich and cherished heritage, restoring its architectural treasures, making fitting adaptive reuses of many of their historic buildings, and integrating modern buildings aesthetically into historic settings—should serve as an in-

spiration to those of us who would like to see the quality of life in here in America emulate the most desirable aspects of the "Good Life" in Italy.

Mark A. Wilson is a Realtor and architectural historian who works at Prudential California Realty's Albany office. He can be reached at 510-273-9383. Visit him at [www.topbroker.com/wilson](http://www.topbroker.com/wilson).

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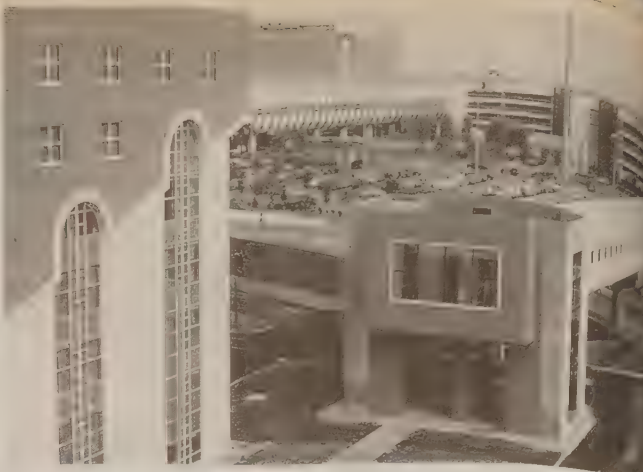
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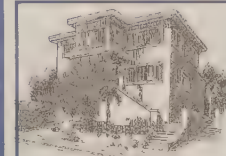
Tahoe feel- walk to Village. 6BD/4BA including 2BD/1BA in-law with private entrance. **Open 1-4.**  
2102 Magellan Dr.

Nancy Maloney/Jillian Strawn  
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**Open 7/23.....\$650,000**  
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Spacious Traditional. 3+BD/2BA. Updated with vintage details. Hardwood floors, newly painted, gourmet kitchen.  
558 Wala Vista  
Natalie Cutler  
510-845-0211, 510-898-9432

#### \*Open Sunday 2-4:30...\$489,000

2909 Frye Street. New listing! 3BD/2BA Oakland Hills Mediterranean. 1st Open!

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Fabulous 2BD/2.5BA penthouse unit with spectacular hill view. Top area! **First Open 2-4:30. #1 Kelton Ct. #10H**  
Amberson McCulloch 510-834-2010

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3609 Victor Ave. Rare 4+BD/2BA Redwood Heights fixer. Bay views, hardwood floors, but needs some TLC.

Emily Lane 510-339-9290

#### \*Read This Ad!.....\$349,500

2+BD in top area! Hardwood floors, large rear yard, big plus room. **First Open! 2-4:30. 3924 Hanley Rd.**  
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3169 Maxwell Ave. Stunning, remodeled 3BD/2BA Mediterranean. Elegant master suite. Large backyard!

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3916 Turnley Ave. Beautiful, Contemporary 3BD/2BA home with in-law.

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Candice Economides 510-845-0200

#### \*Open Sunday! 2-4:30...\$249,000

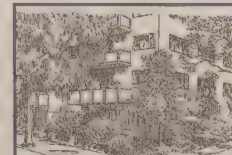
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New Listing \$559,000

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34 Sleepy Hollow Lane, Orinda

\$2,450,000

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6035 Estates Drive New Listing \$1,250,000 Fabulous 6 yr. old custom built traditional with approx. 4400 sq. ft. 4BR/3.5BA, gourmet kitchen/family room, wine cellar & in-law w/separate entrance.

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Mavis Delacroix

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New Listing \$479,000

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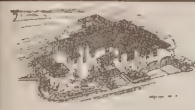
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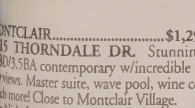
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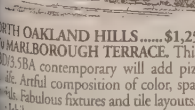
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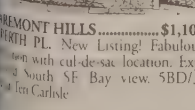
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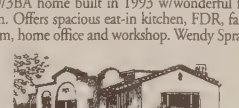
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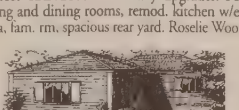
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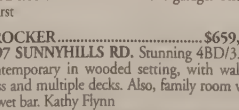
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$525,000 4228 DUNSMUIR. New Listing! Lovely 3BD/2BA home nestled among trees and mature landscaping. Spacious family room w/access to yard. Detached 2-car garage. Diane Earl McCan

REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$429,000 10 SELKIRK ST. Spacious 2+BD/1.5BA home with private fenced yard, FDR, updated kitchen and bath, and new windows. Wendy Gardner



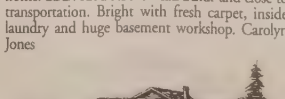
MONTCLAIR.....\$329,000 20 CHATSWORTH CT. Custom 1950's contemporary located on cul-de-sac. 2 BD/1BA, open beamed ceilings and hwd flrs. Filtered Bay views through floor-to-ceiling windows. Teri Carlisle



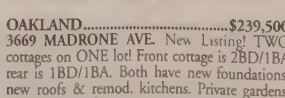
LAUREL.....\$299,000 4030 MAPLE AVE. Darling 2BD/1BA bungalow in wonderful condition. Bright w/orig. details, LR w/FP, FDR, large kit w/nook, full basement & level yard. Sandi Klemmer



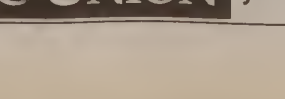
LAUREL DISTRICT.....\$249,000 3800 LAGUNA AVE. New Listing! Perfect starter home. 2BD/1BA. Above MacArthur and close to transportation. Bright with fresh carpet, inside laundry and huge basement workshop. Carolyn Jones



OAKLAND.....\$239,500 3669 MADRONE AVE. New Listing! TWO cottages on ONE lot! Front cottage is 2BD/1BA rear is 1BD/1BA. Both have new foundations, new roofs & remod. kitchens. Private gardens. Diane Earl McCan



REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$329,500 Lovely 3BD/1BA Spanish Mediterranean with panoramic views of Bay and City. Beautiful built-ins, 1-car attached garage, new roof. Needs TLC. Diane Earl McCan

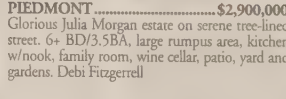


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PIEDMONT AVENUE.....\$189,000 70 YOSEMITE AVE. #201 Great building! Half a block to Piedmont Avenue. 2 BD/1BA with new paint and new carpet. Also has in-unit laundry. Ann Nichols



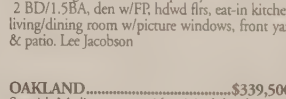
PIEDMONT.....\$2,900,000 Glorious Julia Morgan estate on serene tree-lined street. 6+ BD/3.5BA, large rumpus area, kitchen w/nook, family room, wine cellar, patio, yard and gardens. Debi Fitzgerald



REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$499,000 Filtered Bay and City views from lovely 5BD/3BA O.W. Johnson home. Family room, two fireplaces and attached 2-car garage. Great neighborhood! Diane Earl McCan



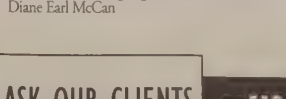
JOAQUIN MILLER.....\$360,000 New Listing! 1940's contemporary on wooded lot. 2 BD/1.5BA, den w/FP hwd flrs, eat-in kitchen, living/dining room w/picture windows, front yard & patio. Lee Jacobson



OAKLAND.....\$339,500 Spanish Mediterranean with original details. 3 BD/1BA, FDR, breakfast nook, laundry room, plus room and basement room. Spacious level yard. Diane Earl McCan



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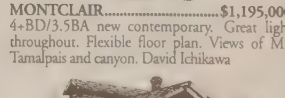
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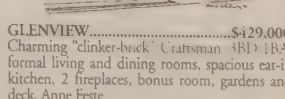
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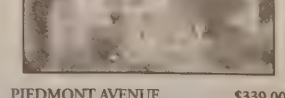
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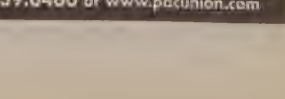
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# What you can do when you get those sewer-line blues

As both toilets overflowed and our shower backed up with sewage, my wife and I shared looks of amazement. We asked each other how this could be happening when our sewer lateral had been replaced three years earlier. Now, after almost seven months of heartache, I have discovered even more about the dirty insides of sewer lines and one of the companies that repairs them.

A frantic call led to a visit from a company I trust (not the one from three years ago). Their camera verified our worst fears: once again, tree roots had invaded our sewer line. But, how? It took us six months and much turmoil to get that question answered.

A few days later the quality control manager of the original company failed to show up for our appointment to view the videotape.

**Lesson sharing:** Do not deal with people who have the words "quality control" in their title. They control nothing and often do not understand the meaning of quality.

Several days afterward, having seen the videotape, a company representative agreed they are responsible to repair up to where our old cast iron begins. I asked how we could have this problem again in only three years; he said aggressive roots, earth movement or both. At that moment, I grimaced as I pictured our uphill neighbor's 90-foot

redwood trees, with roots tingling, as they looked down at our vulnerable sewer pipe. I decided to deal only with "Sam," the executive director, who said he would use "trenchless" technology to replace a section of the line without destroying our front steps, as they did before.

**Lesson sharing:** Part of our sewer line under the house is embedded in concrete. Trenchless does not work in this situation because room is needed for the pipe to expand. Nevertheless, Sam put us off four months waiting for trenchless equipment that could not be used.

At this point, I had had enough. I told Sam that if I did not have an immediate appointment and the job completed in two weeks, I would turn it over to my attorney and the Contractors State License Board (CSLB).

**Lesson sharing:** As I subsequently heard from one of their workmen, many complaints had been filed against this company with CSLB. They did not want another from me. It might be a good idea to check on complaints before signing a contract.

Work began the next day. I was told it would be a two-day job. Ten days later, my steps were still ripped up, but the cause of the problem had been unearthed. The pipe under our house is 3"; the new line beneath our driveway and the city sewer line are 4". The line from under a house should preferably be 4",

but, in older homes, 3" is common.

During the original job, they had tried to squeeze down a 4" coupling (a connector between two pipes, also called a hub) to make it fit a 3" line. In addition, the coupling was one that is supposed to be used only for above ground connections.

There is an underground reducing coupling that connects 3" lines to 4". Had that been used, roots probably would not have penetrated our pipe.

**Lesson sharing:** During this process I learned of another potential issue with couplings. A special wrench is used to tighten the coupling to the sewer pipe. The optimum pressure is 60 pounds per square inch. If it is less, roots may enter; if it is more, the increased pressure could damage the coupling and/or the pipe, thereby allowing roots to enter. This exemplifies how vital it is to choose a contractor with experience who cares.

After the correct coupling was installed, I insisted our line be cameraed in both directions. I wanted to make sure all roots had been eliminated; if there were roots, I would have had them flush the line (apply water under high pressure).

My caution quickly paid dividends. The repair work they had done was

fine, but there was an approximately 1" offset (separation of the pipes) near the city main in the street. The workman showed me on the monitor how the offset was at a section he believed to be clay pipe.

As my blood pressure rose, I called Sam and strongly suggested he take a look. I explained that, three years before, we had been assured all our old clay pipe had been replaced with cast iron. After talking with his workman, Sam told me this offset was not so bad, and tried to talk me out of having it corrected.

**Lesson sharing:** If your old clay system is being replaced, make sure it is clear in the contract that there will be none of the old pipe remaining. I now realize it was not done completely because of the extra expense of deep excavation. After again invoking the names of my attorney and the CSLB, Sam showed up the next day. This began the final month of our saga.

The company reluctantly dug a hole 9' deep and 4' wide to uncover and replace this segment of pipe. They miscalculated and had to dig another 4' into the street until they located the offending section. As expected, it was made of clay.

**Lesson sharing:** Because they had

to dig so deep, this would have cost at least \$8,000. I am glad I had them do it now, rather than having to deal with this down the road.

In the process, the huge backhoe gouged craters in our three-year-old asphalt. Sam wanted to do cosmetic patches that would have cracked out in a short time.

Only serious, additional threats got him to redo it correctly. As I write this, an immense, 1" sewer plate still sits in front of our house, 10 days and many phone calls after the job was completed. Perhaps, I will call again tomorrow.

**Lesson sharing:** Except for my negotiating, this would be an even more depressing tale. At the time of our initial contract, I insisted on a 10-year warranty because of the large dollars involved. I have subsequently found out that these jobs normally have only a one or two-year warranty. I have also witnessed how many things can go wrong due to basic incompetence.

## Final thoughts

Hire a company that will make good

## What You Know Can Help



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# Knowing those in the know a real comfort when the need strikes

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Not long ago we had a new listing in North Berkeley with panoramic Bay views. I've never seen much of a Bay view person; I always thought I preferred looking at trees and gardens. But these views were fantastic and I found that whenever I was at the house, I was

spending long moments looking out toward the Bay trying to determine exactly what I was seeing.

The owner pointed out Sunset Avenue down a little further

and saw ten cars moving along San Pablo. There was a round of green grass which I was told was the King of the Hill playing field. In the foreground were beautiful roofs, tile and shingles, chimneys, and trees.

We could see the Golden Gate and Bay bridges and several islands but we weren't sure what they were. Certainly Alcatraz and Angel Island, possibly Brooks Island too. I became so curious that Anet and I went to a map store to look at various maps.

We learned the views from the house included Mount Tamalpais, the piers along San Francisco, downtown Oakland and Point Richmond. Although I have lived in Oakland all of my life, I have never lived in a house with a Bay view and did not know what can be seen from the vantage point in the hills. It was quite fascinating.

And then, as I was standing once again on the deck outside the living room of this house gazing outward, suddenly wanted to know just how far — what the distance was — that I could see. It must be measurable, I thought. I wondered how I would find the answer.

I love resource people, friends who know things that I want to

know. I considered for a few minutes, then called Bob Westby who often does physical inspections for us. "How can I find out how far I can see from this deck," I asked.

"No problem," said good old Bob. What you want to know is the distance to the horizon from that particular elevation.

Wow! I was excited! Within minutes Bob had e-mailed to me my an-

ship's compass to put in the pine-paneled party room he had built.

The couple was young and active. They went boating and camping and water skiing. The husband built a camp stove, fashioned wooden oars and water skis.

In his large workshop and garage, he worked on boats and cars and so he provided hoists and pulleys on overhead tracks to suspend boats and other heavy objects such as engines while he worked on them.

The first thing I wanted to know was how to describe these pieces of equipment on the house flyer. I talked to three

men friends, all of whom I was sure would know the words I needed.

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## The Experience



By Tarpo and Talbert

ings of buildings and machinery (when I know enough to ask). Shaun suggested that I write "4 chain falls mounted in an I beam." He added, "This is a mechanic's dream."

But I thought that some people would not recognize what I was describing, maybe the wife of a mechanic who would want to tell him about the equipment, and so I asked Glenn, my car mechanic, and Chris, another car "nut."

Glenn favored "chain hoist equipped," while Chris said I should simply say "chain hoists and overhead tracks," and this is what I did use.

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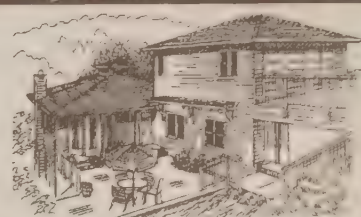
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"Although the many styles and finish options available make choosing the right furniture easier than ever, consumers should determine their work habits in addition to requirements for components prior to making that all-too-

important home office furniture purchase," says Bush.

According to Bush, such considerations may include whether or not there is a need for commercial grade office furniture or if plans should be made for expandable product upgrades that adapt with changing technology.

A manufacturing visionary with more than 40 years of hands-on experience in the furniture industry, Bush believes today's new home office furniture designs directly parallel America's changing focus on the workplace.

"Even 10 years ago, for example, working a corporate job in a home-based environment was literally unheard of," says Bush.

"But today, the focal point has changed dramatically. Employers

are more comfortable with the concept of a telecommuting staff and their employees are better prepared to work from home, given the ongoing advances in electronics and the furniture that's built to house and protect them."

Bush also suggests that the growing number of home-based small business owners in addition to the Internet surfers has heightened the demand for home office furniture that is flexible enough to accommodate a broad range of today's individual workflow requirements.

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## Choosing just the right chair

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Your home computer area needs that all-important accessory, the task chair. Consider advice from Barbara Merrill, physical therapist and certified ergonomist of Saratoga, Calif.:

■ A good chair allows the trunk to be supported while the arms move freely. "Good muscle tone makes it easier to sit up straight, but nobody can remain upright while seated for long periods of time without good back support from the chair," Merrill says.

■ Height of the chair should permit the seated individual to have his or her feet on the floor, and there should be about three fingers of space between the chair edge and the back of the knees. Merrill prefers

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## Tarpoiff

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I do love my resources. There is absolutely nothing as sweet as knowing whom to consult and/or having the right reference book when needed. When I'm working on house flyers, I often want to find out something that I know very little about and have no idea where to look for information. I try my own books, the Internet, the reference librarian at the library. I go to bookstores and search, and I call my friends.

For my ship-like house, it occurred to me that I might use a sailor's shanty. I think I heard of shanties in elementary school; it seems to me that for some reason one of my teachers taught us a little song about the sea and called it a "shanty." For that one I went to the Internet and was immediately rewarded with a site with hundreds of shanties, one of which I chose to use.

In my own collection of books, I found copies of "Moby Dick" and "Two Years Before the Mast," this last loaned to me by a carpenter who

was working on my house. He had enthusiastically recommended that I read what he had found to be a thrilling adventure but I had never gotten around to it.

Fortunately, I hadn't returned the book, so I was able to skim through it to find sailor phrases such as "ahoy, mate." This, of course, made me want to know if a phrase book of sailor "talk" exists. I struck out on that one.

But while I was going through "Two Years Before the Mast," the main character noted that San Francisco is at 37 degrees latitude. I know nothing about latitude and longitude. They seem to be a way of placing points on the globe, probably in relation to the equator, but I was guessing. Who could I ask?

I called Bob Westby again. I reminded him about my horizon question and asked if I could find out what the latitude and longitude of a particular house were. "Sure," he said, and that was certainly satisfying. Again, within minutes, he provided me via e-mail with a Web site (on which I could enter the street address of our listing and get the exact latitude and longitude in both

decimal form and in degrees, minutes and seconds.

How thrilling! I may have to get out the world globe, stashed in the basement, and see if I can discern how the system works. This is, by the way, an example of how my curiosity has expanded in some ways as I've grown older. Never before in my life would I have had any interest in this subject. Had it been introduced to me earlier, perhaps in school, I'd have found it boring beyond tears.

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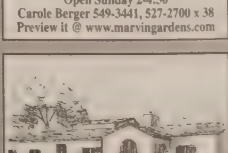


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# Celebrating a Native American craftsmanship

By Barbara Mayer  
FOR AN SPECIAL EDITION

Once "American style" almost invariably meant the colonial influence derived from England in 17th, 18th or early 19th century.

Now "American" gets people thinking "native," meaning the heritage of American Indians, who were on the continent long before anyone got here.

Along comes "Native American style" by Elmo Baca and M.J. Van Deventer (Gibbs Smith, \$39.95 hardcover). The new book celebrates the design arts of American Indians, especially those of the American Southwest.

Navajo silver is every bit as wonderful as Paul Revere's silver and deserves a place alongside it at the Metropolitan Museum of Art," says Baca.

"There is much more respect for the native American culture, as well as an awareness of how valuable it is, all because of its strong spirituality," says Van Deventer.

Although neither author is of American Indian extraction, both are immersed in these decorative traditions. Baca is community development director for New Mexico's Department of State in Santa Fe; Van Deventer is publications director of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The book outlines the rich history and tradition of American Indian craftsmanship and offers profiles of prominent artisans and designers. Still, only a small part of the collection, which also includes Navajo baskets and blankets, Pueblo pottery,

tribal baskets, and beaded or otherwise embroidered leather and textiles, among the better-known items.

While the crafts are well known, the concept of a American Indian decorating idiom is a fairly new idea. "The native American response to architecture and design is almost entirely intuitive and related more to feeling than reason and is the antithesis to classical design based on

Thomas Molesworth style, which came out of Cody, Wyoming, after the end of World War II through around 1965," Baca says.

Molesworth was a furniture designer who incorporated American Indian elements into his furniture, which was purchased by movie stars and industrialists who were acquiring ranches as vacation homes in and around Cody.

craftsmen are adapting traditional design elements to furniture.

At Zuni Furniture Enterprise in Zuni, N.M., for example, handcrafted pine furniture is adorned with Zuni motifs. Cherokee artist Virginia Stroud of Muskogee, Okla., creates colorful benches shaped and painted to resemble seated or standing figures in American Indian dress.

These are just a few of more than 20 individuals and companies listed in the resource section of the book.

"You can trace the curiosity back to first point of contact between Europeans and native Americans," Baca says.

"But it has taken several centuries for native American design elements to become incorporated into the overall idea of American style."

The two authors believe that interest in the American Indian way of life and style is at a high point.

"The response of the general culture has evolved from curiosity in 18th and 19th centuries to incorporation into our own everyday style, especially in the Southwest," says Baca.

There really is no original American Indian decorating style, but there is a particular attitude towards ornamentation. It is based on a love of natural materials and organic colors, an appreciation for nature itself

reason and the strict orders of proportion," says Baca.

There really is no original American Indian decorating style, but there is a particular attitude towards ornamentation. It is based on a love of natural materials and organic colors, an appreciation for nature itself — for example framing views of nature through windows and bringing as much of nature indoors as possible. Wood, stone, and adobe (sun-dried clay mud brick) are favored American Indian building materials.

"A few years ago, we began to see native American design in complete rooms. It is an outgrowth of the revival of Santa Fe style and of the

He employed American Indian motifs in his furniture, which he made up in pine, fir and walnut native to Wyoming.

He also covered club chairs and sofas with animal hides and liked to use New Mexican weavings from Chimayo in his rooms.

The Molesworth style was revived in the early 1990s, spreading throughout the West and even into metropolitan New York. Today, Molesworth furniture is highly collectible. But those who can't find it will certainly not be left without anything to buy.

An interesting new development is that American Indian artists and

## Chair

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Chair with arms that can support dreams, but comfort is the key. Good chair feels like a comfort-blue," she says.

Test the chair to be sure each member of the family who may be

using it will be able to keep his or her feet on the floor (you may need a footstool for shorter people). Make sure you can alter the back height and arms and that the chair can tilt. If the chair has arms, they should allow you to get close to your work surface. The pedestal base should have five prongs for maximum stability, and the casters should allow you to move in all directions.

■ While considering the chair, also consider the keyboard. It should be positioned to allow elbows and wrists to be at a comfortable angle for typing. If the desk or table is about elbow height, the keyboard can go right on the table or desk. If not, an articulating or adjustable keyboard tray can be used. The best ones tilt so that you can adjust the angle and height of the keyboard.

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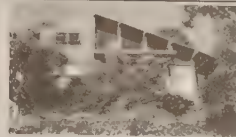
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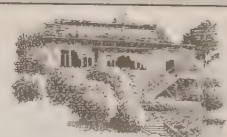
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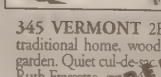
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# Remodeling: What kind of a return can you expect?

The current climate in the housing market is still one of great expectations in regard to appreciation and the short amount of time it will take to sell a property.

While we are experiencing a healthy turn over in properties at a good rates of appreciation, people are nervous. In the last few months realtors have seen an increase in the number of properties on the market.

The California Association of Realtors reported home sales were up 17 percent in May over the April figures. Remember, spring and early summer usually bring an increase of available properties.

This month and next normally bring a bit of a slow down. What we are currently seeing is completely in line with seasonal conditions.

## Don't miss the peak

However, due to the perception that the economy may be cooling, many homeowners are debating the merits of beginning a major upgrade or remodeling project. They fear that they may have missed the peak of the buyers frenzy, or that their property is not holding its' value.

They wonder if they will get their remodeling investment back when they sell. When talking about remodeling we are not referring to essentials that you must do whether you move or not. If the furnace or air conditioning, roof or other major component of the property goes you will have to fix it or replace it.

Let's say the air conditioner goes. If you're moving in two years it makes no sense to invest in the most expensive option. Buyers will not pay more for a house with a 12 Seer (energy efficiency rating) than they would for one with a 10 Seer rating. It costs more to put in the 12 and it will save the consumer dollars on their utility bills. But you probably won't recoup the difference if you are selling in a short period of time. So do what is adequate but don't get fancy

Another form of repair that you must do is 'section one'. Section one is Realtor speak for termite repair work. If the property needs work due to termite damage do not make the mistake of thinking you'll let the next person who buys it do the repairs. It is considered routine maintenance that the seller should have been keeping up with all along while they inhabited the property. Buyers will not be responsible for it.

When speaking of remodeling we are referring to things that do not need to be replaced but would considerably enhance the appeal, and the experience of living in the property, such as all new baths, new flooring, added storage or square footage, new windows, etc.

In evaluating if you should start knocking down walls, or set up a kitchen in the laundry room for the duration, there are basic considerations that you should think through. First, how long do you plan to stay

in the property? If it's more than two years you will get some use and enjoyment from your upgrades or remodeling projects and if you take good care of the property they will be fresh enough to enhance the value when you sell. Of course, it depends in part on what you do and the quality and appeal of what you choose. More about that later.

Staying up to five years? Even if the job you are contemplating is costly it's probably worth having the extra room, storage, or convenience, that the upgrades will bring.

## The risk of overimproving

Once people commit to doing something they sometimes go a little haywire. It's such a relief to have made the decision to go ahead that an expansive "Sure, why not!" frame of mind can take hold. This is how people over improve for the neighborhood.

Over improving simply means that you have sunk so much more into the property than your neighbors that, even if you get top dollar, you still will not recoup much of your investment. You never want to be in the position of selling the nicest house on the block. Just one of the nicest.



MARY D'ANGELO

## Try an open house

To prevent this, visit all the properties for sale in and around your neighborhood. Open houses are a great way to do this.

But please, be honest and courteous to the realtor who is spending their unsalaried time holding the property open.

If you live in a development where most of the properties are similar in style, size and appearance, this will be more critical. Buyers will find it easy in this kind of neighborhood to compare apples to apple. They will quickly realize that your property has some upgrades that the other

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## Remodel

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properties on the market in your area do not. If everything else is priced at \$350,000 and yours is priced at \$359,000 (based on fresh paint and a new kitchen floor) for example, you may have a problem.

Because your price is higher than the others for sale around you and they are comparable, buyers may not even consider your property. People will think "For a couple of thousand dollars more, I could pick exactly what I want".

In many parts of the country area and type of housing vary dramatically in neighborhoods. It's common to see a contemporary next to a Victorian. In areas where the style is mixed you are in less danger of overimproving, but it is still possible. It's harder to compare 'apples to oranges'. So the over all charm of your property and the special things that you have done may bring more when you sell.

### Evaluating cost versus value

The National Association published, in partnership with "Remodeling Magazine", a comprehensive and informative study for 1999 titled the "Cost vs. Value Report". It would

be well worth your while to obtain and read the information contained in this report for our region of the country.

If you would like to receive a copy, via the mail, contact Mary D'Angelo at the address below. Or visit the National Association of Realtors Web site at [realtor.com](http://realtor.com). NAR does charge the public (non members) a modest fee to access their research service for specific questions. You can also reach NAR at 1-800-874-6500, have a credit card ready.

Here is some general information excerpted from the report: "Putting your money where it pays; Predictions based on resale value within one year of project completion (cost recouped, national average):

The experts also included some design ideas in the report:

■ **Attic Bedroom:** Consider roof windows. They are similar to skylights but offer greater natural ventilation.

■ **Bathroom:** Add a small skylight if a window cannot be added. Add a good quality exhaust fan if none exists.

■ **Deck addition:** Recess large flowerpots into holes in the deck for a simple planter.

■ **Family room:** Box bay window popouts take little space but allow for desks, seating or storage.

■ **Home office:** Raise a portion of

the cabinetry to 36 inches for stand-up work such as sorting and collating. If you must combine a home office with a bedroom use a Murphy bed or put the desk behind bifold doors.

■ **Kitchen:** Add under cabinet lights to existing upper cabinets. Plan the layout to accommodate a television and other media devices.

■ **Master suite:** Locate the closet between the sleeping area and the bathroom. This provides a sound buffer and allows a functional sequence of activities.

■ **Siding replacement:** Replacement siding should be consistent with the original siding. Choose a product that is appropriate to the home's style and age.

■ **Two story addition:** If the layout allows, install a clothes chute from the second floor to the laundry. Stack bathrooms where possible to reduce noise.

■ **Window replacement:** View a sample window in person before installation. Avoid ordering directly from brochures; you may find the window differs from your expectations.

### Where to draw the line

Before you start remodeling take a pad of paper and put in writing a

description of what you want to do and what you hope to achieve by completing the project. Make note of your budget. This written reminder should serve as your rudder when getting bids and making decisions. Stick to your notes unless it really makes sense to do more than you originally planned, due to something you learned in the bid process.

No one can guarantee that the housing market will continue to appreciate. Your Realtor is a good resource for you in the remodeling planning process. They can advise you on basic color selection and can let you know if what you are planning is in line with the neighborhood. Give them a call, they'd be happy to help.

Mary D'Angelo is a career consultant with CENTURY 21 Diablo Valley Realty. Her experience includes real estate sales and the design of License Training School programs for the Century 21 system in Northern California and Nevada. D'Angelo also was a Business Consultant to 45 Real Estate offices and sold franchises for the Century 21 system. Readers may contact her at CENTURY 21 Diablo Valley, 4691 A Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521 or Email C21joinup@aol.com.



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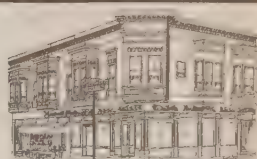
4 Stucco Units - hardwood floors, Chinahill \$650,000  
15 Units - Victorian, Chinatown/Courthouse \$549,000  
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4 Units - built 1907, hardwood floors \$429,000  
Business Opportunity - Florist/Storefront- Chinatown  
San Leandro - 3 bed, 2 ba, family room \$315,000  
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## OHA invites you along

The Oakland Heritage Alliance (OHA) invites you to get to know Oakland by getting better acquainted with its history.

### Jingletown

Join Betty Marvin and Susan Villareal for a tour of Jingletown tomorrow at 10 a.m. Meet at the California Cotton Mill, 22nd Avenue and Calcut Place and see a historical neighborhood in transit. Stroll through a lively mix of Victorian-era homes and industry with recent conversion of some old businesses to live-work artist places.

### Lake Merritt Civic Center

Join Annalee Allen as she follows in the footsteps of city planners who, starting in the 1930s, envisioned the south end of Lake Merritt as a grand civic center district. The tour includes the WPA Moderne Alameda County Courthouse, the Fire Alarm Building, the Main Public Library and the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center.

Tours cost \$5 for OHA members and \$7 for nonmembers. Wear comfortable walking shoes. No reservations are required.

## By Appointment



### 468 65th Street, Rockridge

A stunning redesign of a stately Victorian! Three bedrooms, two and one half baths and study. Country kitchen with family room opens to private garden.

Offered at \$465,000

Erika Celestre

Office: 339.0400/252

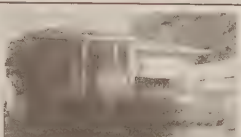
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## OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30



### 4020 QUIGLEY

\$214,000

Great Laurel starter home. This three bedroom one bathroom home has hardwood under the carpet, a lovely brick fireplace in the living room, and eat-in kitchen with adjacent laundry. A long driveway leads to a double car garage and backyard with fruit trees, a barbecue and covered patio area.

Carol Robbiano, ext. 292



### 507 WICKSON AVENUE

\$99,000

Grand Lake area lovely studio unit, sunny and light, very well maintained, newer appliances, shows great. Nice roof deck for enjoyment. Near everything.

Patsy Buhler ext. 238

### 2945 BROOKDALE

Five units - 2BD house with formal dining & fireplace plus modern +plex with identical 1BD units. Off street parking and laundry. \$398,000

Holda Novelo 531-4633

### 1539 KEARNEY

3 BD/2BA, plus huge open workshop. Live/work potential. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. \$299,000

Elizabeth Sky ext. 233

### 2935 COOLIDGE AVENUE

Great opportunity home plus income. 2 BD house, income from store and large storage room (separate building), nice yard and detached garage. \$239,000

Chris Christensen 531-7575 ext. 2422

## BY APPOINTMENT



Fabulous new, Bay view, high quality contemporary in one of Oakland's most desired neighborhoods. 4BD/3.5BA, incredible gourmet kitchen, master suite w/fireplace and double Jacuzzi. Top level materials and appliances. Custom details and precision workmanship by a talented finished carpenter.

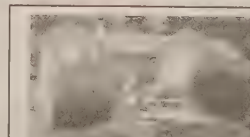
Don Dunning 482-2256



Ambiance & Atmosphere...\$588,000

Beautiful home 4BD/3BA 2400+ sq. ft., formal dining rm. Ideal for entertaining. FP in living rm. French doors to patio

Patsy Buhler ext. 238



BAY VIEW!...\$410,000

Great Potential! Great Location & Neighborhood! This older bungalow has 2BD/2BA, living room, dining room, kitchen & kitchenette. Hardwood floors & room to expand.

Kevin P. Kennedy ext. 204

### EMERGING AREA! BUY ONE, TWO OR ALL THREE!

1226 10th - Brown shingle duplex - 2BD/1BA each \$325K plus 1219 11th and 1227 11th Avenue for \$350K each. Twin 4-plexes, all one bedrooms w/fireplaces. All three lots or would be great for an investor or developer, as all three lots are contiguous & zoned for high density. Call agent for information.

Barbara Roessler ext. 264

### COMING SOON

Major fixer in Glenview two bedroom, one bath, living room and dining room, attached garage, private setting, walk to shops and transportation.

Christine Christensen ext. 242

### IMMACULATE 1BD CONDO

This one bedroom back unit is quiet and located less than half a block to Lake Merritt. Fresh paint, new carpet, stove, microwave, dishwasher and washer/dryer in unit. Enjoy a fireplace in the living room.

Carol Robbiano ext. 292

## LAND

### TAKE ANOTHER LOOK-BAY VIEW LOT

Motivated Seller will consider all solid offers and will carry for the right buyer. Check the possibility of subdividing this 20,000+ sq. ft., parcel.

Carol Robbiano ext. 292

### LEVEL-IN DOWNSLOPE VIEW LOT

Great Montclair level-in downslope view lot in excess of 10,000 sq. ft. According to the Dept. of Fish and Game no watercourse impacted by building on this lot. Those of you previously interested take another look!

Carol Robbiano ext. 242

### PERMIT READY!

Start building now! Approved plans for a really nice 3,100 sq. ft. home in the heart of Montclair. Lovely bay views with some tree removal. Lot has 75-foot frontage and gentle topography. Water meter paid. Call to review plans.

Mary Neuberger 530-4148

### MONTCLAIR HOMESITE

6859 "The Turn", quiet yet close to Village. Gentle upslope with utilities at street

Peter & Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780

### THREE CONTIGUOUS UPSLOPE LOTS

Partial Bay and Canyon views. Very secluded, quiet and wooded lots are only a few minutes from freeway access and Montclair Village. Owner-engineered can provide soil report for \$1,000. Survey, site plan, driveway and foundation design negotiable.

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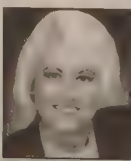
## PACIFIC UNION

## Redwood Heights Open Sun. • July 23 • 2-4:30



### 4228 Dunsuir Avenue, Oakland

Spectacular views from this lovely private home nestled in the trees. Beautiful courtyard with mature landscaping. Floor to ceiling glass allows for good sun exposure. Three bedrooms, two baths on main level. Spacious family room with access to yard. Detached two-car garage.



Offered at \$525,000

### Diane Earl McCan

Senior Sales Consultant  
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## Sales

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## REDMONT

2211 Huntleigh Rd. - \$935,000  
 140 La Salle Av. - \$1,890,000  
 411 Moraga Av. - \$555,000  
 2171 Oakland Av. - \$1,948,500

## RICHMOND

2223 5th St. - \$109,000  
 331 5th St. - \$133,500  
 350 3rd St. - \$241,000  
 767 9th St. - \$180,000  
 120 1st St. - \$112,000  
 440 1st St. - \$176,000  
 2111 Bissell Av. - \$195,000  
 808 Broadford Dr. - \$129,000  
 5704 Carlos Av. - \$155,000  
 2902 Clinton Av. - \$285,000  
 410 Commodore Dr. - \$594,500  
 3238 Conestoga Wy. - \$370,000  
 2909 Downer Av. - \$130,000  
 2939 Gilma Dr. - \$144,500  
 2704 Glasgow Ct. - \$110,000  
 2939 Grant Av. - \$251,000  
 3113 Groveview Ct. #61 - \$185,000  
 3222 Hackney Rd. - \$319,500  
 4401 Harmon Rd. - \$195,000  
 3330 Kelsey St. - \$143,500  
 6442 Kensington Av. - \$311,000  
 2949 Lincoln Av. - \$153,000  
 185 Malcolm Dr. - \$164,000  
 212 Malcolm Dr. - \$164,000  
 3247 McBryde Av. - \$197,000  
 3227 McBryde Av. - \$225,000  
 2636 Meadowcrest Ct. - \$285,000  
 1207 Melville Sq. #415 - \$136,000  
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 494 Nerin Av. - \$128,000  
 4850 Overend Av. - \$155,000  
 242 Park Ln. - \$148,000  
 844 Pennsylvania Av. - \$118,000  
 411 San Joaquin St. - \$202,500  
 2222 Santa Clara St. - \$317,000  
 2919 Solano Av. - \$189,000  
 2011 South 15th St. - \$112,000  
 407 South 21st St. - \$160,000  
 406 South 23rd St. - \$160,000  
 407 South 37th St. - \$289,500  
 308 Stone Cliff Ct. - \$319,000  
 407 Stone Crest Ct. - \$304,000  
 1718 Truman St. - \$140,000  
 690 Wall Av. - \$170,000  
 103 Yuba St. - \$205,000

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 7  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$215,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$525,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$380,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$367,214

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 16  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$787,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$381,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$464,406

## ALAMEDA

1966 Cambrian Dr. - \$287,000  
 177 Camella Ct. - \$375,000  
 1435 Doolittle Dr. - \$220,000  
 600 Dowling Bl. - \$285,000  
 1187 Frederick Rd. - \$215,000  
 107 Glen Dr. - \$425,000  
 3575 Harbor Wy. - \$416,000  
 1679 Harbor Wy. - \$430,000  
 1668 Harbor Wy. - \$387,000  
 83 Harlan St. #401 - \$104,000  
 11 Lewis Av. - \$226,000

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$316,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$445,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$350,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$379,750

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 1234 Oakes Bl. - \$475,000  
 14087 Reed Av. - \$205,000  
 15316 Ruggles St. - \$278,000  
 13970 Samoa Rd. - \$308,000  
 255 Stoakes Av. - \$276,000  
 2024 Strang Av. - \$250,000  
 13976 Tortuga Rd. - \$305,000  
 1777 Wayne Av. - \$255,000

## SAN LORENZO

1338 Culver Pl. - \$166,000  
 124 Loma Verde Dr. - \$192,000  
 575 Pomona St. - \$261,000  
 323 Via Coches - \$330,000  
 17374 Via Del Rey - \$255,000  
 16035 Via Descanso - \$227,000  
 1073 Via Honda - \$260,000  
 16000 Via Paro - \$215,000  
 15743 Via Sorrento - \$260,000  
 16083 Via Toledo - \$227,000

## On the average

## ALAMEDA

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## EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 5  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$97,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$360,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$155,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$200,400

## EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 4  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$123,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$225,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$175,500  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$186,000

## KENSINGTON

PRICE: \$575,000

## DANFORD

TOTAL SALES: 105  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$83,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,320,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$209,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$291,400

## PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$555,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,948,500  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$935,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,332,125

## RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 45  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$109,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$594,500  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$164,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$201,033

## MANTLEWOOD

TOTAL SALES: 20  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$104,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$475,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$280,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$300,100

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## Aware

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creditor, you may retain it until the creditor shows that your home is no longer being used as collateral and returns any money you have paid. Then, you must offer to return the creditor's money or property. If the creditor does not claim the money or property within 20 days, you may keep it.

If you have a bona fide personal financial emergency—such as damage to your home from a storm or other natural disaster—the law allows you to waive your right to rescind and eliminate the three-day period.

To waive your right, you must give the creditor your own written statement describing the emergency and stating that you are

waiving your right to rescind. The statement must be dated and signed by you and anyone else who shares in ownership of the home. But remember: if you waive your right to rescind, you must go ahead with the transaction.

The right to rescind does not apply in all situations when you are using your home for collateral.

Among the exceptions are: when you apply for a loan to buy or build your principal residence; when you refinance your loan with the same creditor who holds your loan and you don't borrow any additional funds; or when a state agency is the creditor for a loan.

In these situations, you may have other cancellation rights under state or local law.

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- 15 Hayward**  
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- 16 Hercules**  
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- 17 Belleterre**  
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- 18 Livermore**  
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- 19 California Nugget**  
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From mid \$300,000's. Beautiful 4 & 5BR single family homes in quiet Pinole. Some homes with Bay Views 2000-2400 sq ft. Easy commute Hwy 80 East to Pinole. Exit at Appian Way. Left on Appian Way to San Pablo Ave. Left on San Pablo Ave to Pinole Shores Dr. Right at Pinole Shores Dr. Open 10-6 daily. DKB Homes. Call (510) 964-0382
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- 27 Carriage Glen**  
From upper \$500,000's. Exclusive neighborhood featuring 4.5 bedroom homes by Standard Pacific Homes. 2,389 to 3,158 sq ft. Close to BART & Fwy, adjacent to CC Country Club. Shown by appt. only. (925) 969-9199
- 28 Canyon Oaks**  
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- 30 Vacaville**  
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- 31 California Springs**  
From the \$230,000's. 3-6BR, up to 4017 sq ft. Take Hwy. 80 to Vacaville, exit Leisure Town Rd. So., turn rt. on Uliats, rt. on Christine Kaufman & Broad. Open daily 10-6, Fri 12-6 707-446-5590
- 32 Westgate Estates**  
From low \$300,000's. Estates sized homes up to 4300 s.f. on 10,000 s.f. min. lots, 4-7 BR, 3-car gar. & opt. bonus spaces. I-80 to Alamo east, rt. on Peabody, rt. on Foxboro. Kaufman & Broad. Open daily 10-6, Fri 12-6 707-446-6357
- 33 Westgate Village**  
From the \$190,000's. 3-4BR, 1382-2043 sq ft. Take Hwy. 80 to Vacaville, exit Peabody So., turn lt. on Foxboro. Kaufman & Broad. Open daily 10-6, Fri 12-6 707-446-6357
- 34 Vallejo**  
From the \$250,000's. Choose from 3 floor plans, 3-5BR & 1739-2326 sq ft. Kaufman & Broad. Located off Redwood Pkwy/Penny in Vallejo. 707-553-9300
- 35 Eagle Ridge at Rossmore**  
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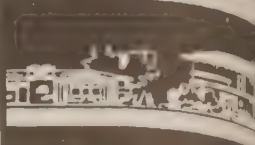
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1236 Hawthorne Liddy Clark 925-877-3530 Alvin Pined Realty	4 bdr/2.5ba	Sunday 1-4	\$899,900
3255-57 Fernside Blvd. Dennis Ritter, 510-733-2100, RedMax in Motion	584/3ba	1-4	\$950,000
135 Gainsborough Open Sat. & Sun. John Frisick, 510-814-4815	584/3ba	2-4:00	\$798,000
912 Old Drive South Shore Homes-Link, 510-748-3300	4 + bdr/3ba	2-4:30	\$640,000
123 Anderson Rd. Wall Jacob, 510-814-4716, Harbor Bay Realty	384/2ba	2-4	\$599,000
3271 Thompson Maureen Shandell 510-521-3636 Kane & Associates	3bd-4ba	2-4	\$559,000
413 Baywood Dr. Debbie Bond, Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-814-1806	4 + bdr/3ba	2-4:30	\$549,000
1362 Broadway Mark Wyman 510-522-5827 Kane & Associates	8bd/4ba	2-4	\$549,000
2145 Lincoln Elaine H., 510-814-4835, Harbor Bay Realty	384/1ba	2-4	\$539,000
3208 Garfield Shirley Ellis, 510-814-4705, Harbor Bay Realty	294/1.5ba	2-4	\$539,000
328 Gateway Bay Ringo Ali, 510-814-4848, Harbor Bay Realty	384/3ba	2:30-4:30	\$519,000
1915 Cambridge Dr. Pat Whiting, 510-339-4717, Coldwell Banker	384/1.5ba	2-5	\$510,000
317 Laguna Vista Ave. Open Sat. & Sun. Bill Blissett, Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-814-1108	384/2.5ba	2-4	\$499,500
3116 Washington St. Alice Garvin, Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-748-1116	4bd	2-4	\$429,000
3271 Fillmore Kathy Gordon, Harbor Bay Realty, 510-814-4815	3 bdr/2.1ba	2-4	\$425,000
7 Driveline Ct. Jerry Neusham 510-522-0968 Kane & Associates	3bd-4ba	2-4	\$409,000
2937 Lincoln Kathy Gordon, Harbor Bay Realty, 510-814-4815	2 + bdr/1ba	2-4	\$399,000
1011 Kingston John Frisick, 510-814-4704, Harbor Bay Realty	384/2.5ba	2-4	\$399,000
1142 Peach Sof Boring, Harbor Bay Realty, 510-814-4816	3 bdr/1ba	2-4	\$395,000
1246 Clarke Ln. Betty Sewell 510-522-1176 Kane & Associates	3bd-4ba	2-4	\$395,000
2100 Buena Vista/ 1722 Willow Tim Marx, Harbor Bay Realty, 510-814-4817	-80/-4A	2:30-4:30	\$399,000
3316 Fernside Shirley Ellis 510-814-4706 Harbor Bay Realty	294/1ba	2-4	\$385,000
3316 Fernside Marlyn H., 510-814-4845, Harbor Bay Realty	384/2.5ba	2-5	\$385,000
1323 Versailles Kystyna Nowak 510-483-1676 Kane & Associates	3bd-4ba	2-4	\$379,000
3242 Encinal Conce H., 510-814-4814, Harbor Bay Realty	294/1ba	2-4	\$369,000
1716 Broadway Ronda Bickley, Bickley R.E., 510-769-1606	3bd	2-5	\$369,000
1214 Oak St. John McIntosh Co., 510-522-0805	384/2.5ba	2-4	\$369,000
1107 Post Dennis Wyman 510-522-5827 Kane & Associates	294/-4a	2-4	\$349,000
115 Haight Ave. By Appointment Sale by Owner Frank Wooters, 510-381-0293	384/1ba		\$345,000
2853 Van Buren St. Evelyn Kennedy, Gallagher & Lindsey, 510-748-1120	294/1ba	2-4	\$340,000
405 Haight Ave. Carmelita, Frank Hanabusa, 510-865-4799	2 + bdr/1ba	1-4:00	\$335,000
1916 Buena Vista Carmelita, Frank Hanabusa, 510-865-4799	2bd	2-4:00	\$335,000
811 Pacific Ave. Open Sat. & Sun. Ann Bracc, Gallagher & Lindsey 510-748-1129	2bd	2-4	\$329,000
1167 Camino Del Valle Nancy Evans-Blanchi 510-769-1880 Kane & Associates	384/-4a	2-4	\$320,000
2271 San Jose Chapman Huse 510-521-8815 Kane & Associates	294/-4a	2-4	\$309,000
1723 Chapin John McElroy 510-523-6732 Kane & Associates	294/-4a	2-4	\$299,000
389 Anchor Way George Muir 510-522-1953 Kane & Associates	294/-4a	2-4:30	\$238,000
955 Shorepoint Cande Gregory Koubek R.E. Broker, 510-523-5273	294/2ba	2-4	\$195,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
644 Spokane Ave. Carole Burger (510) 549-3441/527-2700 KBR Marvin Gardens R.E.	3 + bdr/1 + 2-4:30		\$499,000
530 Talbot Ave. Joe Max East Bay Hills, Fair Sedge, 510-339-4100	384/2ba	2-5:00	\$349,000
1019 Kay Route Blvd. John Karmay 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	284/1ba	2-4:30	\$339,000

#### BERKELEY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
84 Eucalyptus Rd. Deductive villa designed by local architect Ralph E. Westall, Chris Elkins-Hardin, Berkeley Hills Realty (510) 524-9888 J22	384/3.5ba	2-4	\$985,000
857 Contra Costa Ave. Kathy Case, (510) 845-0200, Prudential CA Realty	384/11/4ba	2-4:30	\$595,000
2931 Pine Ave. Julie H 510-540-6743 Prudential CA Realty	3 - bdr/2ba	2-4	\$549,000
600 Arlington RED OAK (510) 280-2169 RedMax in Motion	280/1.5ba	2-4	\$469,000
1830 Catalina Ave. Thousand Oaks District Montclair Better Homes, Patricia Bennett, 510-482-9000	284/1ba	2-5	\$439,000
1532 Channing Way Juliana Wynberg (510) 527-2700 J31, Marvin Gardens R.E.	2 + bdr/2ba	1-5	\$438,000
3043 Halcyon Ct. Thornhill Properties Colleen Larkin, (510) 848-1950 J240	2 - bdr/1ba	2-4	\$379,000
2114 Curtis RED OAK (510) 280-2168 Melitta	480/2ba	2-4:30	\$379,000
1127 Hearst RED OAK (510) 280-2178 Billy	280/2ba	2-4	\$375,000
1412 Hearst RED OAK (510) 280-2177 Merritt	380/1ba	2-4:30	\$359,000
2300 Browning Prudential CA Realty	294/1ba	2-4	\$348,000
1308 67th St. Leslie Dopp (510) 662-8478, Security Pacific R.E.	380/1ba	2-4	\$285,777
2443 Hilgard #1 Gay Austin, Berkeley Hills Realty (510) 524-9888 J21	1bd	2-4	\$275,000

#### EL CERRITO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
731 Geilston Pl. Carol Heub-Han, (510) 525-2346 Prudential	3 + bdr/3ba	2-4	\$590,000
831 Seaview RED OAK (510) 280-2169 RedMax in Motion	380/2ba	2-4	\$425,000
718 Elm Valerie Barta (510) 273-5312 604-1852, 649-3711, Prudential California Realty.	-84/-4a	2-4:30	\$310,000
1539 Kearney Elizabeth Sky 510-531-7000 J23 Wells & Bennett Realtors	384/2ba	2-4:30	\$299,000
2312 Cedar Mike Winter (510) 662-8482, Security Pacific R.E.	2 - bdr/1ba	1-4	\$295,000

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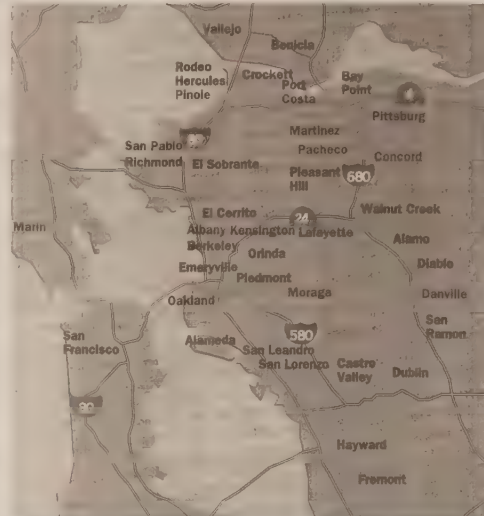
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925 Manor Road Prudential, Luisa Castello 510-524-2526	384/2ba	2-4	\$264,900
263 Lake Drive Prudential, Phyllis Hewitt 510-526-5143	294/1ba	2-4	\$395,500

#### KENSINGTON

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263 Lake Drive Prudential, Phyllis Hewitt 510-526-5143	294/1ba	2-4	\$395,500

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5972 Margarito Ave. Karen Starr 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	484/4.5ba	2-4:30	\$1,895,000
6807 Buckingham Blvd. Ann Feste 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	584/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$1,750,000
6235 Castle Dr. Dana Cecilia 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	4 + bdr/5ba	2-4:30	\$1,595,000
5932 Buena Vista Marlene 510-429-0900 Prudential California Realty	4 + bdr-4a	2-5	\$1,380,000
6415 Thorncliffe Dr. Ann Nichols 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	384/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$1,295,000
6035 Estates Dr. Judy Rankin 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	484/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$1,250,000
7070 Marlborough Terr. David Ichikawa 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	484/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$1,250,000



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38 Perth Pl. Teri Carls 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	584/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$1,100,000
3886 Balfour RED OAK, Grace (510) 280-2178	4 1/2 bdr/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$899,000
6625 Elverton Liddy Clark 925-977-3530 Alvin Pined Realty	4 bdr/2.5ba	1-4	\$895,000
49 Bay Forest Dr. Sandi Klemmer & Dick Cohen 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	294/3 + ba	2-4:30	\$849,000
1955 Manzanita Ave. Ed Kue 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	484/2ba	2-4:30	\$835,000
2102 Magellan Dr. Nancy Makoy 510-916-7020/510-339-6460 Pacific Union	684/4ba	1-4	\$825,000
329 Mountain Blvd. Wendy Sprague 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	484/2ba	2-4:30	\$749,000
9 Captain's Cove Gayle Tartau 510-896-9409 Prudential CA Realty	384/2.5ba	2-4	\$695,000
5707 Moraga Ave. Thomas Wurst 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	384/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$689,000
2556 Laimert Blvd. Oakland Sewell Real Estate, Grant Clark 510-763-7895	3 + bdr/3ba	2-4:30	\$675,000
1297 Sunnyside Rd. Kathy Flynn 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	484/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$659,000
13225 Skyline Blvd Prudential, Carmen Pirm 510-524-2526	384/2ba	2-4	\$650,000
7237 Skyline Phyllis Wherry 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3 + bdr/2ba	2-4:30	\$649,000
6050 Johnston Dr. Carole Rogers 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	-84/3ba	2-4:30	\$629,000
9130 Skyline Blvd. R. Morlett 925-285-3984 Heritage Realty & Management Inc.	384/3ba	1-4:30	\$619,000
551 59th St. Prudential, Nannie Watson 510-339-6230	484/3ba	2-4:30	\$599,000
6851 Wilton Dell Or 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	484/3ba	2-4:30	\$575,000
10 Rista Pl. Hewitt Desrosier 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	384/2ba	2-4:30	\$549,000
3981 Fruitvale Ave. Oakland District Montclair Better Homes, Arnold Mueller, 510-339-6099	584/2.5ba	2-5	\$525,000
4228 Dunsmuir Ave. Diane Earl McCan 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	384/2ba	2-4:30	\$525,000

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558 Walrusita Natalie Cutler 510-896-9432 Prudential CA Realty.	384/2ba	1-5	\$525,000
1915 Cambridge Pat Whiting 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	384/1 - ba	2-5	\$510,000
6571 Ascot Terry Kulla 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	4 + bdr/2ba	2-4:30	\$499,000
16511 Royal Oak Rd. Suzanne Richardson R.E. Svc., Georgia Richardson, 510-569-3468	484/2ba	2-4:30	\$482,500
2909 Frye St. Prudential, Y. Ben-David 510-339-6230	384/2ba	2-4:30	\$469,000
55 Templar Pl. Angela Wei Grub 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	384/1.5ba	2-4:30	\$479,000
8123 Skyline Blvd. Nancy Leland 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	484/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$475,000
6553 Farnham Way Suzanne Yamamoto 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	384/2ba	2-4:30	\$469,000
1061 Trestle Glen Rd. Doctor Highlands District Montclair Better Homes, Maria Stokich, 510-297-9596	384/1ba	2-5	\$459,000
3354 Herrier Pl. Madelyn Mitchell 510-429-0900 Prudential California Realty	3 + bdr/2ba	2-4:30	\$459,000
4404 Shepherd St. RED OAK, Warwick (510) 280-2170	4 + bdr/2ba	2-5	\$449,000
1410 Hampel Montclair District Montclair Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley, 510-272-9030	3 + bdr/2ba	2-5	\$435,000
6467 Valley View Montclair District Montclair Better Homes, Mary Jane McConville, 510-272-9597	384/2.5ba	2-5	\$435,000
10 Selkirk St. Wendy Gardner 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	294/1.5ba	2-4:30	\$429,000
4059 Oakmore Rd. Dana Covey 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	2 + bdr/1ba	2-4:30	\$425,000
4384 Howe St. Josephine O'Shaughnessy 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	294/2ba	2-4:30	\$425,000
5601 Moraga Ave. Pied. side of Montclair Prudential, Steve Montcalles 510-339-6230	384/2ba	2-4:30	\$425,000
2223 Melvin Rd. Karen Lum 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	384/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$419,000
5016 Kearney Ave. Darcy Umanoff 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	2 + bdr/1ba	2-5	\$419,000
6117 Racine Cynthia Karia 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	2bd	1-4	\$399,999
3609 Victor Redwood Heights Prudential, Emily Lang 510-339-6230	4 + bdr/2ba	2-4:30	\$399,000

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2945 Brookdale Fruitvale District Wells & Bennett Rls., Heidi Novak, 510-531-4633	284/1ba	2-4:30	\$389,000
5340 Broadway Terrace Upper Rockridge Prudential, CB Reese 510-339-6230	284/2ba	2-4:30	\$395,000
525 Mandana Blvd. John F. Bell 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	284/2ba	1-4	\$374,000
4328 Anderson Ave. Redwood Heights Homes-Link, 510-748-3300	3 + bdr/1ba	2-4:30	\$360,000
4020 Norton Ave. Andy Sussman, Prudential California Realty, (510) 845-0200	384/1 - ba	2-4:30	\$359,000
3850 Fruitvale Ave. Oakland Prudential, Victoria Williams 510-652-6114	384/-4a	2-4:30	\$355,000
216 Mather St. Prudential, Y. Ben-David 510-339-6230	294/1ba	2-4:30	\$355,000
6880 Saran Dr. Montclair District Montclair Better Homes, Laurel Strand, 510-433-2967	4bd/2ba	2-5	\$350,000
3169 Maxwell Ave. Maxwell Park Prudential, Mary Dresser 510-339-6230	384/2ba	2-4:30	\$349,000
3916 Turnley Ave. Seapointe Hgts Prudential, Ed Marshall 510-339-6230	384/2ba	2-4:30	\$349,000
1014-16 59th Street Robert Kramer, 510-435-3624	2 HOMES	2-4:30	\$349,000
255 3rd St. APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE FROM 2-5 SUNDAY. RED OAK, Charlie (510) 280-2163	1/1 Loft	2-5	\$349,000
4059 Everett Ave. Glenview District Montclair Better Homes, Arnold Mueller, 510-339-6099	2 + bdr/1ba	2-5	\$345,000
3517 Victor Ave. Redwood Hgts Prudential, Dana Eng 510-339-6230	384/2ba	2-4:30	\$339,000
2839 Morgan Ave. Carla Caras 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	384/1ba	2-4:30	\$335,000
20 Chatsworth Ct. Teri Carls 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	294/1ba	2-4:30	\$329,000
3907 Whittle Address Broker 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	294/1ba	2-4:30	\$305,000
4030 Maple Ave. Sandi Klemmer 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	294/1ba	2-4:30	\$299,000
200 Caldecott Ln. #112 ELEGANT PARKWOODS CONDO. Heidi & Jerry Leng. Montclair Better Homes-Sentinel (510) 835-6218	284/2ba	2-4	\$299,000
4527-29-31 Martin Ln. Ker King Ying	384/4ba	2-4:30	\$274,999
2757 Madera Ave. Marta Chen 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty.	294/1ba/2-4:30		\$259,000
2757 Madera Ave. Richardson R.E. Svc., Georgia Richardson, 510-569-3468	294/1ba	2-4:30	\$259,000
3689 Maybelle Ave. Homes-Link, 510-748-3300	484/2ba	2-4:30	\$253,000
3137 60th Ave. Mills College Duplex Bob Brown, 510-773-6397	280/1ba San	2-4:30	\$249,950
322 Hanover St. Debbi D'Amico 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	294/2ba	2-4:30	\$249,000
216 Mather St. Prudential, Mary Dresser 510-339-6230	294/1ba	2-4:30	\$249,000
3800 Laguna Ave. Carolyn Jones 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	294/1ba	2-4:30	\$249,000
3689 Madrone Ave. Diane Earl McCan 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	294/1ba	2-4:30	\$238,500
2935 Collidge Ave. Home - Income Chris Christensen 510-531-7578/2422 Wells & Bennett Rls.	294/1ba	2-4:30	\$238,500

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545 43rd St. Shirley C. 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	1	1	1
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3682 Mayfield Laud Homes-Land, 918-748-6000			
4098 Gungah Land, Select Wells & Harvest Mkt. Cash Deals	2000		
70 Yosemite Ave Ariz Nichols 510-226-0616 Prudential CA Realty	1000		
507 Wickson Ave Grand Lakes Ave. Gerts Wells & Harvest Mkt. Cash Deals	1000		
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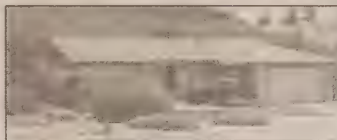
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Section C

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## Locals dominate 35th annual all-star football game

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

PLEASANT HILL — It would suffice to say that Contra Costa County's 21-20 victory over Alameda County in the 35th Annual Contra Costa Times-United Cerebral Palsy Football Classic was the closest and most exciting in years.

That the game was full of local heroes would make the game that much better. And local they were. El Cerrito quarterback Joe McBride threw for 201 yards and was named Contra Costa County's MVP on offense, Berkeley linebacker William Moore fell on a fumble in the Contra Costa end zone for a touchdown; Billy Bennett of Albany made a touch-down-saving tackle and David Rose of El Cerrito played a fine game on defense.

Moore's defining moment in the game came with 1:22 left in the third quarter and Contra Costa holding a 14-9 lead. John Willitis (Castro Valley) had just pinned Contra Costa back to its own 1-yard line with a 68-yard punt. One play later, Vernon Williams (Pittsburg) mis-handled a hand off and fumbled the ball in his own end zone. Moore, playing line-backer, fell on it for a touchdown that gave Alameda a 15-14 lead.

"I just saw and dove on it," said Moore who will attend San Francisco City College. "It was simple reaction. I just got off the ball."

In another time and place, Bennett would have been the hero for Alameda County if McBride hadn't upstaged him. Bennett, playing defensive back, hauled down Will Smith II (Ygnacio Valley) at the Alameda 3 after the Warriors star ran back a punt 54 yards midway through the third quarter.

"Man, I was a little scared when I saw him flying down the field," said Bennett, who will also attend CCSF. "I was just trying to do my job, which was to keep him from scoring. I thought he was gone, but he had to slow up in the middle of the field. I came right up behind him, he tried to juke and that slowed him up. I was trailing him the whole time and I just wrapped him up."

The Alameda defense held for three downs and actually pushed Contra Costa back four yards, but on a 4th-and-7, McBride found Smith in the back of the end zone for a touchdown pass that gave Contra Costa a 15-14 lead. Bennett continued to play brilliant defense — in one six-play stretch, he made four tackles, three unassisted.

On another part of the field, McBride was telling the assembled media that the Alameda Contra Costa County Athletic League gets little respect, but has some players — such as him.

"Our league is not that great," he said. "There are other leagues that are loaded with linemen, but we have some athletes

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### Prep football

Contra Co. 21  
Alameda 20

EL CERRITO GRAD JOE MCBRIDE was named Contra Costa's offensive MVP at 35th annual staging of Contra Costa Times-United Cerebral Palsy Football Classic All-Star football game.



EL CERRITO QUARTERBACK Joe McBride threw for more than 200 yards to lead the Contra Costa County All-Stars past Alameda County 21-20 at Diablo Valley College on July 15.



CAL'S BEVIN HART will know whether he's qualified for the Olympics sometime around 9 p.m. tonight.

## Cal's Hart among world's top athletes

### Decathlete winds up Olympic shot tonight

SACRAMENTO — "I'd love to be called the world's greatest athlete someday. I admit it."

The experts tell Cal decathlete Bevin Hart to wait his turn. Sure, he just won the NCAA title in decathlon, a two-day, 10-event track-and-field torture. But he is only 22 years old and just graduated from Berkeley. The 2004 Olympics, say the experts, are his best chance.

To which Hart replies: "Two-thousand-four? What about now?"

Today, The United States Olympic trails are here and, barring injury, Hart will be battling in the second day of competition, fighting for one of the three top spots reserved for Sydney. The war winds up at 9:45 tonight, with the final, sadistic test: a 1,500-meter run after two exhausting days of hurdling, sprinting, vaulting and throwing.

But Hart has a not-so-secret weapon:

He's the hometown hero, having grown up in Sacramento.

"My stepmother bought 20 tickets for both days," Hart said. "I'm not even sure who all the people are. Lots of relatives, I guess."

Twenty, plus 22,000. It's a sold-out Christmas for Sacramento State's expanded and renovated stadium. It's a welcome homecoming for Hart.

"It will be nice to compete in front of a full house for a change," he said.

It was a sparser crowd that saw Hart spark Cal to a surprising 84-79 win over Stanford in Berkeley back in May. Typical of a versatile, but not-so-great-in-any-one-event decathlete, Hart piled up valuable points with second-place finishes in the pole vault and hurdles, thirds in the long jump and javelin, and then a climactic, meet-winning leg in the 4x400 relay.

A few weeks later, Stanford won the NCAA team championship. So the Cardinal is the national title-holder, but the Bears rule in the Bay Area.

At that same NCAA meet in Durham, N.C., Hart capped his college career with his first national title and a personal best 8,002 points (out of a maximum 1,000

points per event).

So near, yet so far, since he still years to surpass the school record of 8,007 points by Chris Huffins, who won the national title for Cal in 1993.

Huffins was huffin' and puffin' with Hart on the Cal track as they prepared for the trials. An older brother-type and role model, Huffins is an assistant track coach at Georgia Tech and the second-best American decathlete ever (8,694 points in 1994).

"We joke about the school record," Hart said. "Chris tells me, 'You better break it at trials. It's your last chance.' I've already graduated, but the Olympic trials are the last meet that could count as part of my college career. The Olympics — if I make the team — would not."

Making that team is one of Hart's dreams. But completing America's decathlon Big Three along with Huffins, are 1996 Olympic champion Dan O'Brien, whose personal best 8,891 points was once the world record, but is now second to the Czech Republic's Tomas Dvorak at 8,999 points, and Tom Pappas with a best of 8,463.

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## Albany Seniors go down swinging

Club rebounds in loser's bracket, falls to Walnut Creek in title game

By Mike McGreehan  
STAFF WRITER

A very long, very demanding and very successful season came to an end for Albany's Little League Senior All-Stars on Tuesday evening.

Walnut Creek All-Stars made sure of it with a convincing 11-3 win for the District 4 championship in the twilight at Clayton Community Park.

Despite the loss, few could have accomplished what Albany manager Joe

Pinguelo and his players did this season — or rather, seasons.

Pinguelo also managed the Albany Padres, which finished 23-2 and won the District 4 Tournament of Champions. Many of the Albany All-Stars played with the Padres during the regular season.

Pinguelo also coached the Albany Babe Ruth 16-18 All-Stars that were second in their district playoffs. Two players, Jeremiah Pinguelo and Jeremy Lebeau, played for all three

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### Little League All-Stars

Seniors

Walnut Creek	11
Albany	3
Albany Pinole	5
	3

## Albany armed for Section 1 tourney

By Scott Strain  
STAFF WRITER

Pitching, pitching, pitching. The lack of it is a manager's bane. Now, when the Tournament of Champions morph into the district all-stars, which morph into Sectionals, which in turn can morph into ...

Never mind. Bottom line — it still comes down to pitching.

That was what was on the mind of Albany Juniors manager Jim Giblin as he prepared his District 4 championship team for the next step — the North California Sectional Tournament, which starts Saturday in Santa Rosa. Albany got to this step by virtue of a 13-10 victory over Pinole-Hercules last Friday in Concord.

If Albany wins its 11 a.m. game Saturday, it plays at 1 p.m. Sunday. If it loses Saturday, it plays at 4 p.m. Sunday. If the Juniors survive the weekend with none or one loss, it will play Monday. The Sectionals are a double-elimination tournament crammed into five days. The championship will be played Wednesday.

"The rules are in this tournament that pitchers cannot pitch in consecutive games," Giblin said. "You could throw a pitcher seven innings in one game, rest him the next and throw him seven after

that. I wouldn't do it, but those are the rules."

He continued: "It puts a lot of pressure on the pitching, but we are in pretty good shape. All of my guys pitched one inning in the first game, but last week, I had different pitchers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Nobody doubled up and pitched in more than one game."

Giblin plans to throw Phil Lightner on Saturday against a team he knows nothing about. Welcome to sectional play. "Lightner has a lot of movement and being left-handed he can give people a different look," Giblin said.

Albany got to this point by defeating Pinole-Hercules again, this time in the championship game.

"We came out relaxed having played

### Little League All-Stars

Juniors

**ALBANY  
TOPPED**  
Pinole-Hercules 13-10 to advance to Little League's Section 1 tourney beginning Saturday.

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## Ponies gallop into Regionals

**THE EL CERRITO** 13-year-old Pony All-Stars fell out of the North Regional Tournament last Wednesday after a loss to Santa Clara. Nevertheless, the club finished third among 13-year-old Pony teams in Northern California. Pictured above are: (Front row, from left) David Lock, Matt Takimoto, Chris Braxton, Darryl Mishima, Walker Toma, Nick Garcia and Miguel Sanchez. (Back row, from left): Coach Peter Lock, Seth Fischer, Peter Collier, coach Mark Toma, David Ball, Spencer Hill and manager Tom Mishima. Not pictured: Jeff Gilliland.

## Seniors

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teams. Both players also competed during the high school season, the younger Pinguelo for Albany and Lebeau for Berkeley.

"I must have had about 60 games this season between all three teams," Joe Pinguelo said. "Between all three we must have won about 90 percent of our games."

Perhaps the Albany players were feeling a bit tired. But Walnut Creek also had one fine team, as it took an early lead and made it hold up for the win and the district title.

The loss was Albany's second in five days to Walnut Creek. Last Friday, Walnut Creek dropped Albany into the losers' bracket after a hard-fought 10-9 win. Albany rebounded on Monday by beating Pinole-Hercules 5-3 to qualify for the final.

"They hit well and we didn't," said Albany coach Mike Ayers. "Our first game against them was the one we should have won."

Said manager Pinguelo, "(Albany) is a good ball team. I figured we would go all the way this year."

Walnut Creek got off to a fast start with three runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Tyler Davis walked and Mike Husakowski followed with a double. Davis scored on a wild pitch and Steve O'Hara was soon safe on an error. Dustin Hughes got hit by a pitch, Robie Sterling sacrificed a run home and Matt Sperling followed with a base hit to knock in another.

Walnut Creek added to its lead with a run in the second. Bryan Dykes singled, stole second, and came home on Husakowski's second double of the evening.

Walnut Creek went up 5-0 with a run in the third. Sterling doubled, Sprecher reached on an error and Chris Johnson singled.

Albany produced the bulk of its highlights in the top of the fourth. Albany scored all its runs that inning, and threatened to score even more as it had the bases loaded with none out.

Lebeau reached on an error to start

the inning, stole second, and scored on Tom Carman's single to center.

Walnut Creek, which had played so well the first three innings, began to disintegrate. Carman advanced on the throw home from the outfield and went to third when the ball got past the catcher. Walnut Creek failed to back up the throw.

Moments later, Carman scored Albany's second run on a wild pitch.

But Albany's threat was far from finished. Jeremiah Pinguelo walked and Alex Goins followed with a bad-hop single over the second baseman to put runners at first and second. Sean Ayers then walked to load the bases, and Albany looked to be in business with nobody out.

Prospects for another run looked bright when James Izumizaki belted a deep fly ball that Walnut Creek's left fielder had to go back on. But Albany failed to take advantage of the situation when nobody scored on what could have been a perfect sacrifice fly.

The next batter, Sean McKay, produced that sacrifice fly — a towering ball to center field — that brought Jeremiah Pinguelo home with what proved to be Albany's last run. Walnut Creek escaped further damage when Emmanuel Mejia grounded out to third base.

Walnut Creek put a man on with two out in the bottom of the inning but failed to score. Carman singled and went to second on a wild pitch with two out in the top of the fifth, but Albany also failed to score.

The pattern continued in the bottom of the fifth as Walnut Creek stranded a runner who had walked.

In the top of the sixth, Sean Ayers drew a one-out walk, but was erased when Izumizaki hit into a fielder's choice. Albany stranded Izumizaki at first base when McKay struck out swinging.

Despite its slow start and inability to get a key RBI, Albany was still in the game. That is, until Walnut Creek sent 10 batters to the plate in a six-run bottom of the sixth.

Dykes led off with a single, stole second and came home when Davis doubled to center.

After a pitching change, Davis went to third on a wild pitch and Husakowski walked. Husakowski went to second uncontested, but Albany got a short respite when Johnson popped up.

Walnut Creek resumed its rally when the next batter, Hughes, singled sharply to left to score both Davis and Husakowski and open an 8-3 advantage.

Sterling struck out, but Matt Skeba was safe on an infield single, a high bouncer — commonly called a Baltimore Chop — that went all the way out to the shortstop.

Matt Maher followed with a fly ball to the outfield that resulted in a two-base error and allowed Hughes to score. Jesse Marcus capped the rally with a single to left that scored both Skeba and Maher.

In the top of the seventh, Lebeau was safe on an error with two out but Carman struck out swinging to end the game.

### Albany 5, Pinole-Hercules 3

Albany scored four times in the first three innings and last-minute starter Ryan Nelson scattered six hits in 4 2/3 innings on the hill, as Albany tripped Pinole-Hercules 5-3 in the loser's bracket final of the District 4 playoffs.

The win sent Albany into the championship round having to beat Walnut Creek twice. The next night (see above) Walnut Creek stopped Albany to claim the title and advance in Little League's Senior League bracket.

Nelson was a last minute replacement for Tom Carman, who'd accidentally burned his hand in an oven. But while Nelson, a right-hander, had seen little action during the regular season, he showed up big-time in All-Stars. He tossed four scoreless innings, yielding his one and only earned run in the top of the fifth. He struck out five, walked just two.

Nelson then turned the ball over to Emmanuel Mejia, who pitched the final 2 1/3 innings to earn the save.

Albany got on the board in the bottom of the first when Jeremiah Pinguelo doubled home Jeremy Lebeau. In the second, James Izumizaki sacrificed Alex Goins, who singled, home and in the third Lebeau singled home Nelson and Lebeau for a 4-0 advantage.

After Pinole scored in the top of the fifth, Albany scored an insurance run in the bottom of the inning when Lebeau singled, stole around to third and scored on Sean McKay's sacrifice fly.

Lebeau went 3-for-3 and Pinguelo, Goins and Izumizaki had two hits each.

## Football

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who can play and I think we proved it here.

"At one point (in the fourth quarter), I thought we were out of it, but Ruashard (Dodd-Masters) told the coaches he thought he could beat his man and he did. That got the ball down to the (Alameda) 3."

Actually it was the Alameda 7. On a 2nd-and-1 from the Alameda 43, McBride lofted a long pass down the sideline that Todd-Masters (DeAnza) caught before he fell out of bounds with 1:07 left in the game. Fred Kelley (Liberty) plowed over from a yard out for the winning score with 57 seconds left.

"I was a little anxious and over-threw a couple of times," said McBride, who completed 16-of-27 passes and played the whole game.

Rose, who played most of the game on defense, was a little surprised he didn't get more offensive plays. He did lead the ACCAL in rushing last year. "We had a lot of good running backs," he said, "but I was surprised that I didn't get in more offensive plays."

He added: "I think we were a little overconfident before the game, but we got all the kinks out and we hung in there and stayed tough. I thought I was going to be in there (on offense) the whole second half, but we won, so I'm not really mad."

The game itself was disjointed, as all-star games can be when players are still introducing themselves to each other before game time. Alameda coach Dan Calagno of San Leandro wanted to pin his hopes (and offense) on Foothill quarterback Robert Knox, who was a three-year starter for the Falcons and took the team to a North Coast Section 2A title last season.

But Knox did not have a good game, failing to complete any passes in eight attempts and was constantly being pushed out of the pocket by an aggressive Contra Costa defense. Contra Costa, known locally as the "CC Riders" after an old Mitch Ryder tune, grabbed a 9-0 lead on Fred Kelly's 1-yard run and a 37-yard field goal by Brett Visintainer (San Ramon Valley) in the second quarter.

Calagno put Kenny Edwards (Oakland) in at quarterback with time running down in the first half and Alameda finally started to move. Willis ripped off a 27-yard run and Alameda came up with two key third-down plays to keep the drive alive. John Lawrence (San Leandro) ran four yards on a 3rd-and-1 and Edwards scrambled nine yards to the Contra Costa 2-yard line with four



JOE MCBRIDE COLLECTED his award as the team's MVP.

"Our league is not that great. There are other leagues that are loaded with linemen, but we have some athletes who can play and I think we proved it here."

—Contra Costa County QB Joe McBride

seconds left in the half.

Edwards spiked the ball to stop the clock with three seconds to go and Todd Beck (Washington) blasted the final two yards with no time left for the score. Michael Johnson (Mission San Jose) kicked the PAT and it was 9-7 Contra Costa.

The action remained tepid until the latter part of the third quarter when Willis, who was voted the Alameda defensive player of the game, boomed a 68-yard punt to the Contra Costa 1. One play later, fumbled in his own end zone and Moore fell on it for a touchdown. With the PAT, Alameda led 14-9 going into the final quarter.

With a little more than six minutes left in the game, Smith (Ygnacio Valley) got loose on a punt return and raced 54 yards to the Alameda 3. Bennett made a frantic stop to prevent Smith from scoring. That almost

## Hart

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"But if any one of those three should slump or get hurt," said Hart, "I'm in a pack of folks with just over 8,000 who could replace him."

On Tuesday, Hart found out with the rest of the world that O'Brien would not be making the trip, the result his injuring his foot. That means Hart is very much in the hunt.

Hart lives and trains in Berkeley under the guidance of assistant coach Ed Miller. Among other things, they try to strengthen his weakest events, the discus and javelin, and further improve his best, the pole vault, the 1,500 and the 400.

How much has Miller helped Hart?

In high school, his best time in the 100 meters was 11.79 seconds; at Cal, it is 11.01 — an improvement of about eight yards. He high-jumped 5-7 in high school; at Cal-Berkeley he leaped 6-7.5.

"I don't have great natural talent and I'm not exceptionally big at 5-11 and 185 pounds," he said. "So I have to work exceptionally hard."

At school, Hart's major was bio-dynamics.

"That's a fancy name for phys-ed," he said.

But for now, it's competition, 2000 and, yes, beyond, when he concedes that the experts may be right, that 2004 or maybe 2008, are the best

Olympic years for him. "World's Greatest Athlete" whether or not he is, he always has been a labor of love. Folks ask me, "What's your favorite event in the decathlon?"

## Juniors

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them before," Giblin said, referring to Albany's 12-2 five-inning win a week ago Wednesday. "Pinole came out and played real well; they hit the ball hard. They made their breaks and forced us into doing some things. We had one bad inning the whole tournament and it came against Pinole."

Pinole took an early 2-0 lead in the first, but Albany came back and, with the help of a five-run second, took an 8-2 lead. Pinole chipped away, scoring a run in the third and finally tied the game at 8-8 with a five-run fourth. Albany rebounded to tally five runs in the top of the fifth to take a 13-8 lead. Paul Muse came into pitch the final three innings and got the victory.

"Everybody on our team hit the ball pretty well," Giblin said. Doug Fisch went 4-for-4 with a double and three singles and scored three runs. Louis Worth, Muse and Fisch hit consecutive doubles in the second and Albany wrapped three walks around hits by Fisch and Matt Ball in the five-run fifth.

"It feels great to win the tournament," Fisch said. "I wasn't expecting to win it. I think we'll do real well in this tournament."

"We've been together for a few years and it seems like every other year we do well," catcher Steve Pressnall said.

The Albany Juniors have been this way before, advancing to the championship game in 1985 when it lost a doubleheader. If the team wins this tournament this year, it will travel to Arcata to play in the Sectionals and if it wins there, the Western Regionals will be back in Santa Rosa.

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# Arts


**BILL MANN**

Media Notes

## Top 10 local tv anchors

ANCHORS have been moving in and out of here faster than they do at the Berkeley Marina on a Sunday. I believe the average age of Channel 7's latest anchorman team is somewhere around 24. Most of these arrivals in local TV have several things in common: They're young, they're good-looking, they're perky (or in the case of the new arrivals, they have a firmly set jaw) and they work for a fraction of the pay local TV anchors used to make.

The key to local TV anchors: seasoning. Most of the new arrivals — or new anchor-designates — don't have it. And while I have nothing against youth and/or talent (although I now prefer old age and experience), I'd like to believe that an anchor reading a news story about, say, Sierra Leone might actually know where that country is located — and on what continent. For too many of these well-dressed young humanoids look like they were killing time sitting in broadcasting classes at Chico State three years ago and were newsreading in Medford last year. I prefer both my news and my TV anchors to have a bit of seasoning, thank you.

And since most people get the majority of their news from TV today, the anchor takes on an added importance. (That is, unless there are people out there who actually WANT an uninformed populace.) The anchor usually plays a major role in story selection, plus, the way a story is read also conveys its importance.

I've been taking notes recently about the top local TV anchors. Plus, readers have made it clear that they won't watch a news anchor, no matter how good it is, if they don't like the anchor. Fortunately, there seems to be a strong correlation locally between the best newscasts and the best anchors. And since we're awash in the 10 lists these days, I've selected (in no particular order of merit) the Bay Area's Top 10 TV anchors. Among the attributes I look for are intelligence, being well-informed, and anchors who keep their personal opinions off the news. Plus, professionalism — someone who doesn't blow lines or mispronounce names, among other things.

Here's our Top 10, with comments on each:

**Suzanne Shaw (KRON)** — In 10 years of watching her anchor at Channels 4 and 7, I can't recall a single instance of Shaw being anything but thoroughly professional. She's truly a class act who knows when it's appropriate to lighten up.

**Ram Moore (KRON)** — Moore is another well-prepared pro who anchors the news flawlessly, is poised and intelligent, and has a strong sense of appropriate on-camera behavior. She manages to come across as both a pleasant person and a professional — a tough balance act.

**Dennis Richmond (KTVU)** — One of the top two or three newscasters in this market for over 20 years. A class act on a class newscast. I couldn't imagine ultra-serious pro Richmond working on a low-rate newscast or tolerating co-workers in a co-worker or co-anchor.

**Brian Hackney (KRON)** — Just bright as he is handsome — and almost to the point of cockiness. Hackney has even worked on PBS science show ("Newton's") and is always relaxed and comfortable on-camera. His quips ("strawberries are often bright and red") is an ongoing source of amusement to me that the well-informed Hackney (who was odd man out at KGO in 1995 when he again opened the bank vault).

**Patricia Sinkovitz (KRON)** — Sinkovitz has been promoted over the "Hi, Folks" Raleigh as the 6 p.m. weather anchor. Bright and intelligent, I'm also surprised that Channel 4's weekend newscasts. Sinkovitz is both a strong reporter and a strong anchor.

**Heather Heenan (KRON)** — Heenan has great anchor-desk energy. Heenan's ice-cream delivery may put off some viewers, but she's a solid pro who rations her emotions for appropriate times in the newscast. And she's one of the



CYCLOPS, played by James Marsden, can release an energy beam with his eyes that is capable of ripping through mountains

## Style, effects are the X-factors in superheroic saga

Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellen add authority to the proceedings in 'X-Men'

By Mary F. Pols  
STAFF WRITER

TO BE UTTERLY TRUTHFUL, until a few days ago, I knew absolutely nothing about the X-Men, or the wildly popular Marvel comic book series that began in 1963. I had never heard of Wolverine. I had never felt pity for Rogue, or admiration for Professor Charles Xavier.

I was an empty vessel, entirely dependent on director Bryan Singer's slick big-screen adaptation of the Stan Lee series to introduce me to the futuristic world of mutants.

So sadly, I really can't say how Singer's version, which stars those two fabulous English smoothies, Patrick Stewart (yes, Captain Picard!) and Ian McKellen, measures up to the original.

But as an X-Men ignoramus — and I believe there are others out there — I can say I happily went along for the stylish, silly ride. True to its comic book origins, "X-Men" has your basic good and evil kind of structure; nothing more, nothing less. Singer isn't exactly blessed with the sort of plot he had with "The Usual Suspects," that nifty twister that established his reputation. It's completely predictable and there are some unfortunately obvious contrivances to get character X to point Y, not to mention one overly drawn-out fight sequence involving a ridiculously fake-looking Statue of Liberty that you'll swear you've seen somewhere else before.

Nonetheless, "X-Men" is fun, filled with shimmering special effects, nice touches of humor and strong characters whom kids are go-



WOLVERINE (Hugh Jackman) is a solitary fighter who is equipped with retractable claws

ing to love. And it's got one of the classiest casts around. Without Stewart and McKellen (who starred for Singer once before, in "Apt Pupil") the movie would be nothing. Stewart plays the good guy, Charles Xavier, and McKellen ("Gods and Monsters") is his former friend, the dastardly Magneto. They're both part of an underground community of mutants, a term that doesn't sound so dandy in today's parlance, but in future-speak, that means they are way cooler than you and me.

Xavier, who's in a wheelchair, reads minds; Magneto controls force fields and bends big chunks of metal. In a somber prologue, we

learn he first discovered this talent as a boy during the Holocaust, when he destroyed a metal fence trying to stop his parents from being sent to the gas chamber. OK, so it's a bit heavy-handed, but whatever. It's shorthand for "Magneto's not all bad."

Mutants do mingle with the regular human population, but not happily. Mothers yank their kids away from them in public places and people tend to gawk. In bits of news programs that pop up conveniently in the background, we're clued into the fact that politicians in Washington are pushing for a mutant registration law. There's a lot of intolerant bluster, chiefly from

### REVIEW

■ WHAT: "X-Men"

■ STARRING: Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Hugh Jackman, Anna Paquin, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Famke Janssen, Bruce Davison, Halle Berry

■ RATING: PG-13 (sci-fi action violence)

■ RUNNING TIME: 95 minutes

■ WHERE: At area theaters

■ GRADE: B-

the slimy Senator Kelly (Bruce Davison), about their being dangerously different.

Xavier is pensive and a bit sad about this he's a true believer that mutants and regular folks can all get along. But Magneto is convinced the mutant registration law will end up a repeat of his Holocaust past, so he hatches a plot to teach the politicians a lesson. Since the TV anchors have also been kind enough to tip us off about an upcoming meeting of world leaders at Ellis Island, where the mutant issue will be discussed, we can probably guess where the standoff will take place. Holy Statue of Liberty, Batman!

Naturally, both mutants have teams of loyal henchmen on their sides. Xavier's are the elite X-Men team, and they include Storm (Halle Berry in a blond wig), Cyclops (James Marsden) and Jean Grey (Famke Janssen), a doctor and a mind reader in training.

Magneto's crew of mutants is much less clean-cut. Professional wrestler Tyler Mane plays Magneto's huge, hairy guard, Sabretooth, and there's a character who looks like Tom Waits with an incredibly long and useful tongue. An unrecognizable Rebecca Romijn-

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ARE THERE "Spawn" wannabes out there? Michael Jai White plays him.

## Superheroes could stand some color

By Teena Massingill  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

SHE CONTROLS the elements of the Earth and battles crime in world of sinister madmen with evil plots of world domination. She is Storm, an ivory-haired heroine in a mutant band of comic book do-gooders who have been transferred onto film in the much-anticipated "X-Men" movie, which hits theaters today.

Storm, played by Golden Globe-winning actress Halle Berry ("Introducing Dorothy Dandridge"), is also one of the very few nonwhite characters in the comic book world.

What does that mean to movie-goers and to Hollywood? Probably that big-name actors like Denzel Washington and Angela Bassett have little chance at roles in the movie versions of Captain Marvel or Wonder Woman. Tinseltown, which continues to look to comics

for film ideas with a built-in following, is running out of superhero leading roles for minority actors.

"Unless the comic industry changes, all you'll see are roles for white actors. The comic industry is living off of its past, and its past is predominately white," said Oakland-based comic book writer and artist Jimmie Robinson, whose "Cyberzone" and "Amanda and Gunn" books star a black female cop. He is also author of "Code Blue," a multicultural comic set at Oakland's Highland Hospital.

Robinson self-published "Cyberzone" after the major comic book publishers turned it down. But after eight successful issues, "Cyberzone" was picked up by another well-known publisher, Image Comics.

"I'd be at conventions and all day I'd hear

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## Edgy 'Batman' takes the cape

But Hollywood has plenty of other superheroes to check out on video

OF ALL THE SUPERHEROES on film, nobody does it better — in my opinion — than "Batman."

"Batman" and I go way back. I've been a die-hard fan ever since I snatched up my first comic book featuring the Dark Knight in the late '60s. Since I'm a particularly twisted individual, I always preferred the angst-ridden Bruce Wayne and his alter ego over "Superman."

Don't get me wrong — "Superman's" a fine defender of justice, and since Clark Kent's a newshound, I feel an affinity for him. But "Superman" doesn't have that ultra-cool Batmobile, a worthwhile sidekick and a certain Jekyll and Hyde edge that Batman possesses. Face it, Batman's more complex than Superman.

Hollywood's always loved superheroes, shelling out the big bucks to have them appear from comic books to the screen. Now the popular "X-Men" comes to the Hollywood screen.

Will "X-Men" be another "Judge Dredd" (a movie so bad it's not worth reviewing here) or another "Superman"? I haven't seen it yet, so I can't say. Regardless, it's certain the film will sock it to the box office.

Here's a look at some of the best and the worst superheroes on film:

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### EVENTS

**Marcus Book Store** — Herb Boyd, July 21, 6:30 p.m. The author discusses his book "Autobiography of A People."

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• Showers (PG-13) 7:00, 9:00  
• Sunshine (R) 8:00

## California Theatres

On Kinross at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM  
• Blood Simple (R) 1:35, 3:40, 5:40, 7:45, 9:50  
• Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:35  
• The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

## Century 25 Union City Union Landing ★

32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 497-6963  
• Big Momma's House (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45  
• Chicken Run (G) 11:20 a.m., 12:20, 1:25, 2:45, 3:25, 5:30, 7:35, 9:50  
• Disney's The Kid (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:25, 5:40, 6:55, 7:30, 9:55

• Gladiator (R) 11:35 a.m., 3:05, 7:10, 10:20  
• Gone in 60 Seconds (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25  
• The In Crowd (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40  
• Loner (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40  
• Mr. Miyagi & Irene (R) 11:20 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35

• Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:45, 7:40, 10:40  
• The Patriot (R) noon, 1:30, 5:00, 8:30, 10:30  
• The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 1:15, 2:25, 4:20, 5:20, 7:25, 8:20, 10:20, 11:20

• Pokémon: The Movie 2000 (G) 11:20 a.m., 12:45, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 6:25, 7:00  
• Scary Movie (R) 11:15 a.m., 12:15, 12:45, 1:25, 2:25, 3:35, 4:35, 5:05, 6:00, 7:00, 7:35, 8:10, 8:45, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:25

• Sharknado (NR) 5:05, 7:25, 10:00  
• Shanghai Noon (PG-13) 9:45  
• What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:10, 8:30, 10:10, 11:30  
• X-Men (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., noon, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 3:30, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 6:15, 6:50, 7:20, 7:55, 8:45, 9:20, 9:50, 10:30, 11:15

## Chabot Cinema

2653 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 922-2555  
• Disney's (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

## Elmwood

35600 College Avenue, Berkeley 849-0530  
• The Big Kahuna (R) 5:15  
• Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai (R) 3:00, 9:20  
• Hamlet (2000) (R) 12:45, 6:00  
• Magnolia (R) 2:45, 8:00  
• Shaft (2000) (R) 12:50, 5:00, 9:15  
• Up at the Villa (PG-13) 2:40, 7:00  
• The Virgin Suicides (R) 1:00, 7:15

## Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley ★

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143  
• Breathless (1989) (NR) 7:30  
• The Harder They Come (R) 9:15

## Grand Lake Theater

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 422-3556  
• Chicken Run (R) noon, 2:00, 4:40, 6:00, 8:15, 10:15  
• The Mighty Wurlitzer (NR)  
• The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 9:45  
• X-Men (PG-13) 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30  
• Scary Movie (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00

## Jack London Cinema ★

100 Washington St., Oakland 433-1320  
• Chicken Run (G) 10:45 a.m., 1:00, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50  
• Disney's The Kid (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50  
• Mr. Miyagi & Irene (R) 2:00, 4:55, 7:40  
• The Patriot (R) noon, 3:30, 7:05, 10:40  
• The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 10:25 a.m., 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25

## Pokémon: The Movie 2000 (G) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:10

• Shaft (2000) (R) 11:20 a.m., 10:30  
• What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45  
• X-Men (PG-13) 10:55 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 1:30, 2:10, 4:15, 4:50, 7:00, 7:35, 9:40, 10:15

## Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward ★

18501 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 428-2000  
• The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:40, 4:20  
• Gone in 60 Seconds (PG-13) 7:10, 9:40  
• Loner (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55  
• Mr. Miyagi & Irene (R) 11:20 a.m., 1:55, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00  
• Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05  
• The Patriot (R) noon, 4:15, 9:15  
• Pokémon: The Movie 2000 (G) 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:15, 1:45, 4:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
• Shaft (2000) (R) 7:30, 9:50

## NAZ 8 ★

28400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000  
• Josh (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
• Jungle (NR) 5:00, 9:00, 7:11  
• Kaho Naa Paa'aa Haa (NR) 5:00  
• Kungwa (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00  
• Redneck (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
• Takah (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
• Thelma (NR) 9:30

## Oaks Theater ★

1875 Sloat Avenue, Berkeley 266-1836  
• X-Men (PG-13) 1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 9:30

## Piedmont Theatre

Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 843-FILM  
• But I'm a Cheerleader (R) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15  
• Loner (PG-13) 12:20, 2:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20  
• Sunshine (R) 12:10, 3:45, 7:45

## Shattuck Cinemas ★

On Shattuck at Kinross, Berkeley 843-FILM  
• The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle (PG) 12:40, 1:50, 4:50, 7:15, 9:20  
• But I'm a Cheerleader (R) 1:00, 3:00, 5:05, 7:05, 9:35  
• Catfish in Black Bean Sauce (PG-13) 1:45, 6:30  
• Chicken Run (G) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10  
• The Color of Paradise (PG) 12:25, 2:35, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50  
• Disney's The Kid (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:15, 9:30  
• East Is East (R) 4:15, 9:00  
• Gladiator (R) 1:20, 4:40, 8:05  
• High Fidelity (R) 1:45, 4:25, 5:05, 8:25  
• Jesus' Son (R) 2:10, 4:30, 6:00, 8:40  
• Pokémon: The Movie 2000 (G) 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

## Silver Super Saver Cinemas Fremont 7★

31151 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Gateway Plaza Shopping Ctr., Fremont 525-9292  
• Erin Brockovich (R) 1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20  
• Final Destination (R) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50  
• The Hitmen in Viva Rock Vegas (PG) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:30  
• Love and Basketball (PG-13) 1:10, 3:40, 6:00, 9:00  
• Return to Me (PG) 2:00, 7:00  
• Rules of Engagement (R) 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40  
• U2 Rattle and Bang (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:45  
• Where the Heart Is (PG-13) 4:30, 9:35

## UA Berkeley 7 ★

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 842-1487  
• The In Crowd (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:30  
• Loner (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:15, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15  
• Mr. Miyagi & Irene (R) 11:05 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10  
• The Patriot (R) 11:10 a.m., 2:55, 7:45, 10:40  
• Scary Movie (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10, 10:45  
• Small Time Crooks (PG) 2:50, 4:50  
• What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00, 12:10, 1:30

## UA Emeryville 10 ★

6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 426-0107  
• Chicken Run (G) 10:30 a.m., 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:50  
• Disney's The Kid (PG) 10:50 a.m., 2:00, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10  
• The In Crowd (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00, 12:30 a.m.  
• The Patriot (R) 11:30 a.m., 3:15, 6:50, 10:30  
• The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:50, 10:50

• Scary Movie (R) 10:40 a.m., noon, 12:50, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 6:10, 9:30, 10:30, midnight  
• Shaft (2000) (R) 2:15, 7:00  
• What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20  
• X-Men (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45, 10:45 AM, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45, 12:30 AM

## UA Hayward 6 ★

24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-3000  
• Chicken Run (G) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40  
• Disney's The Kid (PG) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
• The In Crowd (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:30  
• The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
• Scary Movie (R) 10:50 a.m., 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:40, 10:00  
• X-Men (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:15, 10:15

## UC Theatre ★

University Avenue between Milva Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM  
• Barton Fink (R) 7:15  
• Miller's Crossing (NR) 5:00, 9:30

## Central Contra Costa

Festival Walnut Creek ★  
1800 Walnut Creek, Walnut Creek 938-8649  
• Chicken Run (G) 11:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:30  
• Loner (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10  
• The Patriot (R) 12:15, 3:40, 7:00, 10:20  
• The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30  
• Scary Movie (R) noon, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

## Orinda Theater ★

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9060  
• Loner (PG-13) noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00  
• What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30  
• What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 9:45

## Park Theater

3515 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997  
• The Patriot (R) 7:30

## Rheem All-Stadium ★

350 Park Street, Moraga 988-3411  
• Chicken Run (G) 11:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:15  
• Loner (PG-13) noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00  
• The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 12:10, 3:30, 7:10, 10:10  
• X-Men (PG-13) 12:15, 3:40, 7:00, 10:20  
• Up at the Villa (PG-13) 9:05  
• X-Men (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:25

## West Contra Costa

Century 10 Pinole ★  
1400 Appian Way, Pinole 222-8030  
• Chicken Run (G) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:25  
• Disney's The Kid (PG) 11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:40, 10:15  
• The In Crowd (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50  
• The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 12:10, 3:15, 7:05, 10:20  
• Pokémon: The Movie 2000 (G) 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:25, 10:05  
• Scary Movie (R) 11:15 a.m., noon, 1:25, 2:20, 3:35, 4:45, 5:45, 7:05, 9:15, 10:10  
• What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 1:45, 5:05, 7:55, 10:10  
• X-Men (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 12:20, 1:55, 3:00, 4:35, 6:25, 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:30

## San Francisco

AMC 1000 Van Ness ★  
1000 Van Ness, San Francisco (415)922-44MC  
• Chicken Run (G) 1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30  
• Disney's The Kid (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10  
• Gladiator (R) 12:30, 4:05, 7:30, 10:50  
• Loner (PG-13) 1:25, 4:40, 7:45, 10:25 a.m.  
• The Patriot (R) 12:15, 4:20, 7:35, 11:10  
• The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 1:00, 1:25, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:50, 9:55, 11:05, 12:45 a.m.  
• Pokémon: The Movie 2000 (G) 1:55, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15  
• Scary Movie (R) 12:35, 2:50, 3:00, 4:35, 5:30, 7:10, 8:05, 9:35, 10:55, 11:55, 12:40 a.m.  
• What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 12:45, 1:40, 4:10, 4:50, 7:15, 8:00, 10:20, 11:15, 12:55 a.m.  
• X-Men (PG-13) 1:15, 2:20, 4:20, 5:10, 7:05, 7:55, 9:50, 10:45, 12:30 a.m.

## AMC Kabuki 8 ★

1881 Post St., San Francisco (415)922-44MC  
• Disney's The Kid (PG) 1:25, 4:35, 7:25, 9:35  
• The In Crowd (PG-13) 1:50, 5:00, 7:50, 10:25  
• Loner (PG-13) 1:30, 5:15, 7:40, 10:15  
• Mr. Miyagi & Irene (R) 1:45, 4:05, 7:55, 10:45  
• Pokémon: The Movie 2000 (G) 1:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50  
• Scary Movie (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:20  
• Shaft (2000) (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40  
• What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 1:00, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40

## Bridge ★

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco (415)352-0810  
• Sunshine (R) 12:30, 4:15, 8:00

## Castro Theater

Castro and Market Streets, San Francisco (415)621-6120  
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## Clay

2261 Filmore St., San Francisco (415)352-0810  
• Shower (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30

## Embarcadero ★

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco (415)352-0810  
• Butterfly (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:30, 9:15  
• Chuck & Buck (R) 12:10, 2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 9:45  
• Crocodile (NR) 12:30, 2:40, 5:10, 7:15, 9:30  
• Groove (R) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:00  
• Jesus' Son (R) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10

## Lumiere ★

1572 California St., San Francisco (415)352-0810  
• Blood Simple (R) 12:30, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50  
• But I'm a Cheerleader (R) 12:40, 1:10, 2:50, 3:20, 5:00, 5:40, 7:15, 9:45, 9:30, 10:00  
• Raising Arizona (PG-13) midnight

## Opera Plaza Cinemas ★

601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco (415)352-0810  
• The Color of Paradise (PG) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:35  
• East Is East (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30  
• I'm the One That I Want (NR) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50  
• Shadow Hours (R) 1:10, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45

## Red Vic ★

1727 Haight St., San Francisco (415)668-3994  
• Better Living Through Circuitry (NR) 7:15, 9:15

## Roxie ★

3117 16th St., San Francisco (415)863-1087  
• Chuiney Poppom (NR) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

## Sony Meltron ★

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-6200  
• Chicken Run (G) 12:50, 3:10, 6:10, 9:00  
• Disney's The Kid (PG) 10:35 a.m., 1:00, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10  
• Gladiator (R) 12:20, 7:40, 11:00  
• Gone in 60 Seconds (PG-13) 10:40 a.m., 4:50  
• The In Crowd (PG-13) 10:40 a.m., 1:10, 4:10, 7:30, 10:40  
• Loner (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00  
• Mr. Miyagi & Irene (R) 1:40, 4:25, 7:05, 9:55  
• Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 3:00, 6:40, 9:30  
• The Patriot (R) 10:35 a.m., 2:20, 6:00, 9:50  
• The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 3:40, 7:10, 10:20  
• Pokémon: The Movie 2000 (G) 10:30 a.m., 1:15, 4:00, 7:00  
• Scary Movie (R) noon, 2:30, 5:20, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30, midnight  
• Shaft (2000) (R) 10:50 a.m., 11:10  
• What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 12:10, 1:30, 3:20, 4:40, 7:00, 8:15, 10:10, 11:30  
• X-Men (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 1:05, 2:50, 4:20, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15, 11:45

## Sony Meltron IMAX ★

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-6200  
• Everest (NR) 5:00  
• Into the Deep Imax 3D (NR) 6:20  
• Siegfried & Roy: The Magic Box (NR) 12:30, 3:30, 7:40  
• Wild California (NR) 11:00 a.m., 2:00, 9:20

## UA Galaxy ★

1285 Sutter St., San Francisco (415)474-8700  
• High Fidelity (R) 11:30 a.m., 9:30  
• The In Crowd (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 7:15, 10:00  
• Mr. Miyagi & Irene (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:00, 6:45  
• Mission: Impossible 2 (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 7:00, 9:45  
• Shaft (2000) (R) 2:00, 7:15

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Chuck Barney, Vera H-C Chan, Karen Hershenson and Mary Pols. Times; Ted Anthony, Robert W. Butler, Phoebe Flowers, David Germaine, Chris Hewitt, J. Monaghan, Robert Philpot, Steven Rea and Renee Rodriguez, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Hilal Italie and Christy Lemire, Associated Press; Michael Saunders, Boston Globe; Bob Heister and John Anderson, Newsday; Anita Gates, Lawrence Van Gelder, Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Janet Maslin, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kenneth Turan, Kevin Thomas and Charles Solomon, Los Angeles Times; Henry Sheehan, Orange County Register; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; John Hartl, Seattle Times; Roger Ebert, Universal Press Syndicate; and Desson Howe, Washington Post

"THE ADVENTURES OF ROCKY & BULLWINKLE": A jolly retread of the old TV cartoon (canceled in 1964), combining the animated moose and squirrel with live-action versions of Natasha (Rene Russo), Boris (Jason Alexander) and Fearless Leader (Robert De Niro). A coast-to-coast race against time to stop Fearless Leader's plan to hypnotize the world with RBTV (Really Bad Television), with new-comer Piper Perabo stealing the show as a fetching FBI agent. Funny, sly, with laughs for grown-ups as well as kids. — R. Ebert. (PG: brief mild language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes B

"THE BIG KAHUNA": In a hospitality suite at a convention in Wichita, three men debate questions of life, death and industrial lubricants. Kevin Spacey and Danny DeVito are old comrades, road warriors of the tool and die industry. Peter Facinelli is the new kid at his first convention. All depends on landing a key client known as the Big Kahuna. The kid talks to him—but about Jesus, not lubricants. This is heresy to the other two, whose religion is sales. Smart, funny, hard-edged, uncommonly thoughtful. — R. Ebert. (R: language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes A

"BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE": Martin Lawrence dons latex bras and flour-sack breasts to portray an oversized matron in this sometimes raunchy, sometimes sentimental comedy about undercover cops. The comedian's trash-talking style is nicely offset by Paul Giamatti ("Man on the Moon") and Nia Long, as the real Big Momma's niece. — K. Hershenson. (PG-13: language, sexual innuendo.) 1 hour, 45 minutes C+

"BLOOD SIMPLE": This rerelease of Joel and Ethan Coen's first movie is billed as a director's cut, but it isn't radically different from the original 1984 version. That said, it's still well worth a trip to the theater instead of the video store. The Coens (who brought us "Fargo," "Raising Arizona" and "The Big Lebowski," among others) have cleaned up the print, redone the sound and cut five minutes from what was already a tight, lazier thriller about a man who takes out a very complicated hit on his cheating wife. This is a don't-miss for fans of the Coen brothers who missed it the first time around, but anyone who likes smart, marvelously acted well-paced movies shouldn't miss it either. M. Emmet Walsh is wonderfully terrifying as the hit man/private detective, and Frances McDormand makes her screen debut as the dewy, innocent-looking wife. — M. Pols. (R: violence and language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes A

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# SENIOR Living

## Avoid a mid-life health crisis—eat well

*"Don't dig your grave with a knife and fork."*

—English Proverb

Diet affects the risk for cancer, heart disease, diabetes and more. And, it's no secret either that diet affects how you feel and how you look.

These facts strike a chord as you enter the middle years—ages 40 to 65. The possibility of longevity and good health has appeal especially when those subtle signs of aging, such as an episode of forgetfulness or a few aches and pains inch their way into your life.

The alternative to getting older is not terribly attractive. So, why not make the most of mid-life? Good health can, and should, be yours. One way to get there is by eating well. Here's how:

**Heart Health** — The risk for heart problems increases with age. A low-fat diet lowers the risk by helping keep cholesterol and weight in line. Eating at least five to seven servings of fruits and vegetables a day gives you fiber and all sorts of antioxidants that researchers believe keep cholesterol in check and blood vessels healthy. Plus, they provide nutrients that may help keep blood pressure under control. Making sure you eat enough folic acid and vitamin B6 is important.

These two nutrients help keep homocysteine levels in your blood from getting too high. High levels may damage arteries, which in turn leads to plaque build-up inside arteries.

Look for these vitamins in fortified cereal, fruits, vegetables, dried beans and nuts.

**Digestive Dilemmas** — Foods may move through your intestines more slowly as you get older. You can keep them moving with high-fiber foods: whole grains such as bran, fruits, vegetables and beans.

Pick cereals with three or more grams of fiber, breads with two or more grams of fiber, brown rice, whole wheat pasta and other grains such as whole oats, quinoa, barley and corn.

**Bones And Joints** — Bone-wise, it's calcium, vitamin B, phosphorus and magnesium that build a strong frame. Dairy foods deliver on all four.

If you don't do dairy, try the new calcium-fortified foods such as rice and certain juices as well as dark green leafy vegetables, almonds, soybeans and certain breakfast cereals such as Total which has 20 percent DV of calcium. Four or five servings a day of high calcium foods meet the body's need.

When it comes to your joints,

excess weight can be a burden. A lean eating plan plus a few meals each week that include fish might help.

Omega-3 fatty acids, commonly known as fish oils, have shown some anti-inflammatory properties which may also help ease arthritis pain. Though the research is not conclusive, it is promising. Good sources of omega-3's include salmon, trout, albacore tuna and mackerel.

**Eyes For The Future** — It's believed that free radicals can damage the lens of the eye thereby increasing the risk for cataracts. It's possible antioxidants such as vitamin C, E and beta carotene can stall or minimize free radical damage though scientists are not drawing conclusions just yet.

Two other antioxidants, lutein and zeaxanthin, have shown promise in preventing one type of blindness. Food sources for all these antioxidants include corn, winter squash,

and dark green leafy vegetables such as spinach and Romaine lettuce.

**A Great Start Toward Total Nutrition** — Drinking enough fluid is crucial to good health. At least eight glasses of water or other non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverage will work. Alcohol and caffeine actually pull water out of your body.

**The Weighting Game** — Weight gain happens during the middle years. The number of calories your body burns tends to decrease, your activity level may slack off yet what you choose to eat doesn't change much. Use these two formulas to help reconfigure your figure.

• If you want to maintain your weight, multiply your current weight (in pounds) by 13. If you wish to lose weight, multiply your current weight by 10. The answer is the number of calories you should eat in a day.

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TREA Senior Citizen's League believes it is time for the government to start using a senior-specific inflation index because the annual Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is not keeping up with cost increases to the goods and services on which older Americans spend their money. For example, the cost of pre-

scription drugs, which the majority of seniors are likely to use but Medicare does not cover, rose by more than 3.6 percent. Yet, Social Security beneficiaries will receive only a 1.3 percent COLA increase this year.

"American seniors are finding it increasingly difficult to keep up with rising health care costs each year," said League Executive Director Michael Zabko. The league is calling on Congress to create a seniors only Consumer Price Index (CPI).

For more information about the CPI and Social Security COLAs, you can send a self-addressed business-sized envelope and \$1 shipping and handling to: TREA Senior Citizens League, Dept. N901, 909 N. Washington St., Suite 301, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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## Survey finds boomer women not preparing for golden years

A new study commissioned by American Health Care Association finds that women Baby Boomers are not preparing for their golden years.

According to the survey, particularly vulnerable is the emotional devastation from care needs. Women earn longer than their male counterparts. Women save less for retirement and receive lower Social Security benefits. And, women are more likely to become caregivers when relatives become frail or ill and need help.

"Boomer women are financially and financially between raising their children and caring for aging parents," says Keegan, a spokeswoman for American Health Care Association. "And when women become nearly half of them are caregivers when relatives become frail or ill and need help."

The survey found that two of three Boomers will need care as they age. Boomers do not realize that Medicare cover extended long term care. Medicaid will pay for long term care after people have exhausted their assets.

Unless Boomers plan on long term care costs, they will deplete their hard-earned savings in a matter of months. Three percent spend more than \$13 weeks; 90 percent spend more than 36 weeks. According to the Council of Life Insurance Companies, long term care insurance is most affordable in the early years. Boomers can protect their financial future.



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"In theory, the annual COLA adjusts Social Security benefits to prevent erosion in senior's buying power. In recent years, however, the COLA has not kept pace," says Michael J. Zabko, Executive Director, TREA Senior Citizen's League. For more information about the senior-CPI, send a self-addressed business-sized envelope and \$1 shipping and handling to: TREA Senior Citizen's League, Dept. N910, 909 N. Washington St., Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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# Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursday one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

## Children

**The Puppet Company** presents "Why Mosquitoes Buzz in Our Ears" on Wednesday, July 26, 12 noon and 1 p.m. at the Lawrence Hall of Science located above the UC Berkeley campus, on Centennial Drive. What happens when a mosquito makes a big mistake deep in the African jungle? Find out, as mosquito, iguana, monkey, python, and king lion puppets come to life in this magical story based on the popular children's book. For additional information, call 642-5132 or check [www.lhs.berkeley.edu](http://www.lhs.berkeley.edu).

**Luna Kids Dance (LKD)** offers dance and acting classes for children and teens ages 3-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; El Centro, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave.; Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave. and Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD central office at 630-4113.

**LBGTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with current childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at [familyprogram@yahoo.com](mailto:familyprogram@yahoo.com) or 415-789-6500 classes.

**The Ann Martin Children's Center** offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

**Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's** public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations, and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: [hsinfo@uolink.berkeley.edu](mailto:hsinfo@uolink.berkeley.edu). To register, call 642-5134.

**"Theater Rats,"** Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

## Health

**Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT)** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

**YWCA Health and Community Education:** drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Community

**Berkeley Higashi Honganji Church,** 1524 Oregon St. (near Ashby Avenue), presents a Ohtani Bazaar. There will be games, prizes and activities for the children. Also Japanese food (Tariyaki chicken, sushi, udon noodles and more. Free admission. Bring the family. Call 843-9333 for additional information.

**Turning Point at the YWCA,** 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

**Marlon Rosen,** founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experiential practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

**Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

**Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive** offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice

presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

**Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Civil Rights activists** needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

**"Work Buddies,"** volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

**Psychic Healing clinic,** 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

**SMART project;** the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**The Edible Schoolyard,** an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

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**Women's Daytime Drop-in** Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 468-5663.

## Exhibits

**"All Composed Things,"** an exhibit by Deborah Angyo Gorman, opens Tuesday, July 25 and continues through Wednesday, Aug. 2 at the John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave. Time: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Artist reception is Saturday, July 29, 3-5 p.m. Admission is free. For additional information, call 649-0499.

**A New Leaf Gallery,** 1286 Gilman St., presents its 9th annual show of water sculpture opening July 22 and continuing through Aug. 27. A reception for the artists: July 22, 3-5 p.m. The exhibit "Water Visions 2000," brings over 40 works created by 20 artists from eight states. The event features fountains made of bronze, marble, granite, copper, aluminum, stainless steel, glass, ceramic, concrete and multimedia. The works span a vast spectrum of sizes from table-top to 8' tall and style and although most fountains are designed for the garden, several will do nicely indoors. The gallery's hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 525-7621 for additional information.

**"Matrix 185/Into the Sun,"** an one-man exhibit by Los Angeles-based artist Doug Aitken, continues through Sept. 3, at the UC Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave. MA-TRIX Curator Heidi Zuckerman Jacobson will discuss the development of Aitken's work on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 12:15 p.m. In conjunction with the exhibit, Pacific Film Archive presents "Staring at the Sun: India in Film," on Wednesday evenings throughout July and August. This series showcases unusual independent features by diasporic Indian directors, quirky documentaries about Indian cinema and filmic meditations on the Subcontinent. All programs are held in the new PFA Theater, Bancroft Way at Bowditch. For additional information, call 642-1124.

**The UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive,** 2625 Durant Ave., presents "Mandala: The Architecture of Enlightenment," a collection of more than 40 Mandalas, through Sept. 17. Hours: Wednesday, Sunday, 11-5, Thursday, 11-9 p.m. Admission: General \$6, seniors and students \$4; members, UC Berkeley students and children under 12 are free. Call 642-0808 for additional information.

**ACCI Gallery,** 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents the exhibit "Live with This," through Aug. 12. The competition of California artists is joined by Dexter Frankel. Frankel is a curator and Professor Emeritus with California State University, Fullerton, where she was the gallery director and a professor of art. Call 843-2527 for additional information.

**"Polaroid Dreams,"** an exhibition of fine art prints by Vincent Alos, continues through July 22, at the Photolab Gallery Lab, 2235 Fifth St. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 644-1400 for additional information.

**The Richmond Art Center,** 2540 Barrett Ave., presents "The Future of the Body," featuring nine Bay Area artists who explore the understanding of the human body. The exhibit continues until Aug. 19 in the Main Gallery. Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 12 noon - 4:30 p.m. Exhibitions are free and open to the public. Call 620-6772 for additional information.

**Kala Art Institute Fellowship Awards** Exhibition continues through July 28. Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Friday 12 noon - 5 p.m. Other times by appointment. The exhibit features artists Susan Belau, Jamie Morgan and Liliana Lobo Ferreira.

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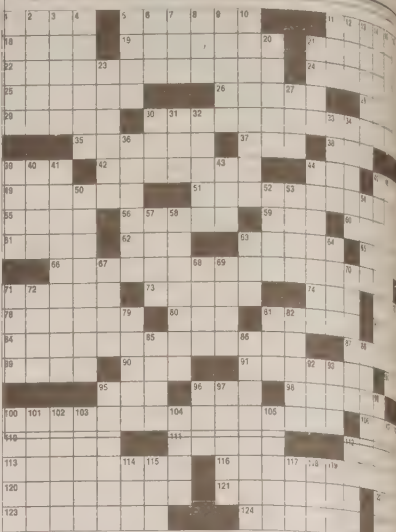
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## Meetings

**NAMI-East Bay,** formerly Alliance for the Mentally Ill, meet on Wednesday July 26 at 7:30 p.m. at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte at Scenic Ave. The topic is Berkeley Mental Health's Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT). Jim Hynes, coordinator from Berkeley Mental Health's PACT will provide an update. The public is invited to take advantage of the free program. For additional information, call ASA-AMI at 841-8361.

**The Kensington 55-plus Activity Center,** 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, meet weekly on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kensington Senior Center is sponsored by West Contra Costa Adult School and Arlington Community Church. For additional information, call 525-8146 or Virginia Walker, Teacher-Director, 647-1969.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the center's resources and the variety of workshops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 848-6370.

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**Joy of Yiddish:** Yiddish classes p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. For information, call 525-8146 or Virginia Walker, Teacher-Director, 647-1969.

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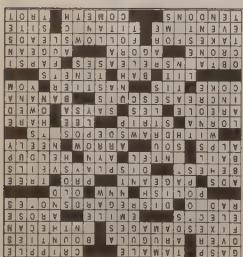
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## Support

**Alta Bates Medical Center** Herick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Herick Campus, 3001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this session with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating relaxing, life-affirming images. Call 204-2930 for additional information.

**Alta Bates Medical Center** offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herick Campus, 3001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief experiences. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

**Alta Bates Medical Center**, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for cancer survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Herick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

**The Comprehensive Cancer Center** and **El Cerrito Plaza** offer a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Herick Campus, 3001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this session with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating relaxing, life-affirming images. Call 204-2930 for additional information.

**Breast Center Salon**, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

**The Lupus Foundation of Northern California** is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit [www.balf.org](http://www.balf.org).

**The Grief Counseling Project** offers help to those who are overwhelmed with pain and grief associated with the death of a loved one. Many people suffer in isolation. The holiday season is especially bad. No one is turned away. Call 889-1104.

**The City of Berkeley** Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to homebound seniors. Call 644-6590.

**The North Berkeley Senior Center** is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-

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**The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education** group presents Dorthea Dorez, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

## Lecture/Workshop

**"Emerging Fields,"** is the topic of a workshop at the Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The workshop is on Saturday, July 22, 10-11 a.m. Think beyond the ordinary. Stretch your imagination by looking at not to common jobs and learn about books that will expand your knowledge. Price: \$5 members and \$10 non-members. Membership to the YWCA is \$15 for one year. For additional information, call 848-6360.

**"Interview with Confidence,"** is the subject of a workshop at the Turning Point Career Center on Tuesday, July 25, 3-4 p.m. Prepare for possible interview questions. Learn to welcome the opportunity to interview. This workshop is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, call 848-6370.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its

Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

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**"What is Meditation,"** is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place

at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Prigito Dove is the facilitator. Call 844-0861 for additional information.

**Emotions Anonymous** Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

## Religion

**Rabbi Allen B. Bennett** of Temple Israel in Alameda and Michal Friedlander, Blumenthal Curator of Judaica at the Judah L. Magnes Museum, discuss "Commitment Ceremonies," on Tuesday, July 25, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Museum, 2911 Russell St. Rabbi Bennett will pose questions of how and whether new concepts of commitment can be integrated with more traditional Jewish and general perspectives on marriage. Friedlander will trace the history of Jewish marriage traditions, with special attention to ketubbot, or marriage contracts. Reservations are appreciated but not required, for reservations or additional information, call 549-6950.

## Theater, Dance & Film

**Berkeley Opera's** Beatrice and Benedick continues at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. Saturday, July 22, 8

p.m. and Sunday, July 23, 2 p.m. The opera, fully staged with orchestra, is directed by Jenny Lord, Jonathan Khuner is music director and conductor, assisted by Philip Kurler as associate musical director. Tickets: \$30 admission, \$24 seniors and \$15 youth. Call 925-796-1300 for additional information.

**"Measure for Measure,"** a Woman's Will production, takes place on Saturday, Sunday, July 22 and 23, at Live Oak Park Berkeley. This is a free event. Call 415-567-1758 for more information.

**Central Works Theater Ensemble** continues its production of "Lottomania. Play Here," through Aug. 5. The production is Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 at 5 p.m. at the Durham Studio Theater located on the UC Berkeley campus, enter the west side of Dwinelle Hall. Tickets: \$14, \$10 students, seniors, TBA members half price for 5 p.m. shows. Call 558-1381 for additional information.

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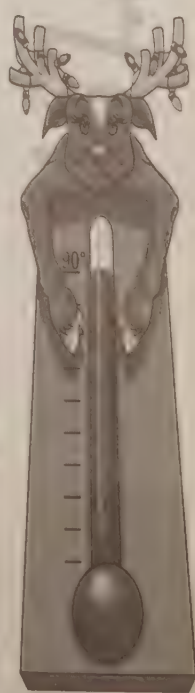
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## REUNIONS

**Skyline High School**, Class of 1975, is holding its 25-year reunion on Friday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m., at the Sequoyah Country Club. The class has lost track of many of its classmates. If you have not received any mailings regarding the reunion, send your name and address and/or e-mail address to: Eric Rudney, 111 Deerwood Road, Suite 130, San Ramon, Cal 94583 or e-mail to michael.maia@portalplayer.com

**Mt. Diablo High School**, Class of 1969, is holding its 30-year reunion on Saturday, July 29, at the Concord Hilton. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527

**Alameda High School**, Class of 1950, will hold its 50-year reunion Aug. 5 at Bay Fairway Hall, 300 Island Drive. For information or reservations, contact Toby Chavez at 522-4479; Rae Worthing Gaeta at 925-673-33; or George Read at 522-4708

**Alhambra High School**, Class of 1960, is holding its 40-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Concord Hilton. Contact Ron Cortese at 707-425-3180 or e-mail cortese@castles.com. Patti Porter Golt at 925-672-8241; or fax Sharon Sacchi Vano at 925-228-0288

**Alameda High School**, Class of 1975 will hold its 25-year reunion the weekend of Aug. 11 to 13. Festivities include a mixer Aug. 11 at a location to be announced; a reunion dinner Aug. 12 at Scott's Seafood Restaurant at Jack London Square; and a family picnic Aug. 13 for graduates, friends and family at Tillman Park. For information, contact Lisa Hempy Dosa at 522-4709 or Harry Hartman at 814-0572 or hhartman@home.com.

**St. Joseph Notre Dame High School**, Class of 1975 will hold its 10-year reunion Aug. 12 at Meridian Restaurant and Lounge, 1051 Pacific Marina. For more information or reservations, contact Tina Reynolds at 865-8314 or tmyreynolds@home.com

**College Park High School**, classes of 1962-1972, will hold a joint reunion on Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Sheraton Concord Hotel, followed by a family picnic on Sunday, Aug. 13, at Pleasant Hill Park. Contact College Park Reunion, P.O. Box 221, Benicia, CA (94510), or e-mail Shama Mulch at shamamulch@cs.com

**Pleasant Hill High School**, Class of 1960, is planning its 40-year reunion for Friday, Aug. 25-Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon. Contact Pam (Frost) Carey at 707-447-2436 or e-mail BUBBLS10@aol.com, or Nan (Dane) Tribuzio at 925-443-4995 or e-mail genomart@aol.com

**Clayton Valley High School**, Class of 1975, is planning its 25-year reunion for Saturday, Aug. 26, and is seeking classmates. Contact Lisa at 925-676-6604, or Stacy at shamp4009@aol.com

**Las Lomas High School**, Class of 1970, is holding its 30-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 26, at Blake's at Boundary Oak in Walnut Creek. Contact Reunion Masters at 408-448-7888 or 1-800-359-7888

**Encinal High School**, Class of 1980, will hold its 20-year reunion Sept. 9 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel in Jack London Square in Oakland. The cost is \$60 per person. For information or reservations, contact Seth Riwad at 814-0891

**Northgate High School**, Class of 1980, is celebrating its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 9, at Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf. Contact Back to the Future Reunions at 925-460-1900 or 888-425-8664

**Mt. Diablo High School**, Class of 1955, is celebrating its 45th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 16, at Newhall Park in Concord. Contact Dan Pimental at 925-682-6682, or Kay Olander Massone at 925-682-4050

**Pittsburg High School**, Class of 1950, is celebrating its 50-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Gen Ferante Alotti at 925-439-1241, Rose Ann Rizzo Noack at 925-757-7208 or Helen Crespo Holman at 925-754-5794

**College Park High School**, Class of 1990, is holding its 10-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Concord Hilton. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527

**De Anza High School**, Class of 1975, is celebrating its 25-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Opera House in Vallejo. Contact Linda Moreno Young at 707-447-9753 or e-mail rosey118@aol.com

**Las Lomas High School**, Class of 1990, is holding its 10-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Agave Grill & Cantina in Walnut Creek. Contact by Aug. 1 Collette at 925-367-5597, or visit the Web site at www.laslomas90.homestead.com

**Alameda High School**, Class of 1990, will hold its 10-year reunion Sept. 30 at Dunsun House in Oakland. For information, contact Randy Pope at 925-447-1092 or outdoorsman@home.com

**Ygnacio Valley High School**, Class of 1970, is holding its 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 7, at Blake's at Boundary Oak in Walnut Creek. Contact Reunion Masters at 800-359-7888 or 408-448-7888

**Alameda High School**, Class of 1980, will hold its 20-year reunion Oct. 7 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the San Ramon Marriott. For information, contact Reunion Masters at 800-359-7888

**Las Lomas High School**, Class of 1975, is celebrating its 25-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 7, at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. Contact Karie at 925-934-5357 or Janet at 925-937-8033

**Clayton Valley High School**, Class of 1990, is planning its 10-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 21, for Holiday Inn Concord. Contact Great Reunions at 714-937-5000 or 800-655-7971

**Pleasant Hill High School**, Class of 1980, is planning its 20-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Crowne Plaza in Union Square. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527

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**Vallejo High School**, Class of 1965, is holding its 35-year reunion on Saturday Aug. 19, at the Concord Sheraton Hotel. Festivities begin with no-host cocktails Friday, Aug. 18, at Hiddenbrook Country Club in Vallejo. Call 707-552-6243

**Hogan Senior High School**, Class of 1965, is organizing its 35-year reunion for Friday, Aug. 25, at the Elks Lodge in Vallejo, followed by a picnic on Saturday, Aug. 26, at Bill Moore's home in Napa. Contact Charleen Amick Gilbreth at 707-643-3691

**Fairfield High School**, Class of 1990, is holding its 10-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Daily Breeze Officers Club. Contact Great Reunions at 714-937-5000 or 800-655-7971

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**Mt. Eden High School**, Class of 1975, is planning its 25-year reunion for Saturday, Aug. 12. Classmates should contact Myra (Santos) Nolan at 510-796-2434

**Marin Catholic High School**, Class of 1980, is holding its 20-year reunion on Friday, Aug. 18-Sunday, Aug. 20. Con-

tact Laura at 707-769-0703

**Granada High School**, Class of 1985, is planning its 15-year reunion for Friday Aug. 18, at Ivan Tamas Winery in Livermore. Organizers are looking for current addresses; contact Julie at 925-456-0317

**Oakland High School**, Class of 1960, is planning its 40-year reunion for Saturday, Aug. 26, and is looking for classmates. Visit the Web site at, or send in information to OHS Reunion, P.O. Box 97, Cool, CA (95614)

**Campolindo High School**, Class of 1980, is holding its 20-year reunion on Friday, Sept. 22-Sunday, Sept. 24. Contact Denise Masiel-Lucas at 925-831-0801, or e-mail campo1980@home.com

**George Washington High School**, class of fall 1954 and spring 1955, in San Francisco, is holding a joint 45-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 23. Call Gen Soroken at 925-829-2269 for details

**Richmond Union High School**, Class of June 1955, is planning its 45-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Hilton Concord. Contact Barbara (Carlson) Rutledge at 925-679-1932 or Diana (Downey) Rodger at RUHS1955@aol.com or Ladydianar@aol.com

**US Navy Hospital Ship Consolation**, SS Hope and RMS Queen Mary crews are holding a reunion Monday/Thursday Oct. 2-5, aboard the RMS Queen Mary in Long Beach. E-mail Ted Bobinski at tedbobins@email.msn.com

**Berkeley High School**, Class of spring 1955, will celebrate its 45-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina. Contact Janice (Wagner) Siebert at 925-376-3002

**Sunset High School**, Class of 1975, is planning its 25-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Pleasanton. Contact Robert Storer at 510-614-6200 or Sharee Clutcher-Gray at 925-556-0666

**Phineas Banning High School**, Class of 1950, is planning its 50-year reunion for Friday, Aug. 18, at the Crowne Plaza in Union Square. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527

**USS Carriers**, Class of 1950, is planning its 50-year reunion for Friday, Aug. 18, at the Crowne Plaza in Union Square. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527

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**San Ramon High School**, Class of 1970, is planning its 30-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Sheraton Concord Hotel, followed by a family picnic on Sunday, Aug. 27, at Pleasant Hill Park. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527

**Washington High School**, Class of 1970, is planning its 30-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Sheraton Concord Hotel, followed by a family picnic on Sunday, Aug. 27, at Pleasant Hill Park. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527

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## 2000 Dodge Intrepid ES offers an attractive package

### Keene on Wheels

By Tom Keene

The saying "getting a lot of bang for the buck" can be applied to the 2000 Dodge Intrepid ES model. This competitively priced sedan even includes an AutoStick.

The dual-mode AutoStick transaxle provides a driver the best of both worlds. One world is realized when the driver wants high performance from the engine.

By simply flipping the shifter lever down a notch into the AutoStick mode, the driver finds shifting gears is very fast. This transmission offers the convenience of an automatic with the control of a manual.

Because I could shift gears faster than using the old-fashioned method of activating a stick shift and clutch, I found the AutoStick great on roads with sharp turns. Quick shifting allowed me to apply the brakes just before the apex of the curve, then zap down into a lower gear for faster acceleration out of the curve.

While other Intrepids have a 2.7-liter engine, the ES has a 3.2-liter V6 engine that produces 225 horsepower. With the AutoStick, I utilized the horsepower and torque to their fullest. Yet this car isn't a gas guzzler; it has a mileage rating of 9 city and 28 highway using regular gasoline.

When I was driving in a more leisurely world, the same shifter allowed me to select the four-speed automatic transmission. In automatic, I drove at an easier flowing pace.

There's nothing new about this Dodge transmission, but now that it is included on the ES model that has a base price of \$22,235, it should be an attraction for the prudent shopper. Of course, no one buys just a base price car anymore; the bottom line on my tester was \$28,170. We'll

get to that in a moment. Right now, I'm reporting on standard equipment.

Another standard bang for the buck includes disc brakes on all four wheels. The ES also has traction control. With other Intrepids, you get only front disc and rear drum. Even the suspension on the ES is above the ordinary with gas struts on the front and gas shocks on the rear plus four-wheel touring suspension. And the car comes with hefty 16-inch tires mounted on shiny five-spoke wheels.

The ES is classified as a large car, yet it doesn't feel large when driving. The Intrepid looks sporty and handles like a sporty car. I first laid eyes on the "cab forward" styling in 1992. Through the years, there have been numerous improvements to the Intrepid, but the styling has remained pretty much intact.

Of all the DaimlerChrysler products, the Intrepid has always had the sportiest appearance. It's the low front end and high rear deck that catch my eye.

This car has plenty of interior room, plus a huge trunk. The down side is that a large parcel won't fit past the trunk lid opening. Even though the hinges don't protrude into the storage compartment, the trunk lid opening is a bit small, limiting the size of the items that can pass into the storage area. Long objects are carried easily by lowering the backrest of the 60/40 seat back.

The interior, with leather seat covers, is plush and inviting. And there are a lot



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 ENGINE TYPE..... V6 SOHC 24-valve w/SPFI  
 DISPLACEMENT..... 3.2-liter  
 HORSEPOWER (net)..... 242 at 6400 rpm  
 TORQUE (lb-ft)..... 248 at 3950 rpm  
 TRANSMISSION..... 4-speed automatic  
 WHEELBASE..... 113 in. 2870 mm  
 TREAD (front/rear)..... 62 / 62 in. 1573 / 1564 mm

OVERALL LENGTH..... 203 in. 5175 mm  
 OVERALL WIDTH..... 75 in. 1898 mm  
 HEIGHT..... 56 in. 1420 mm  
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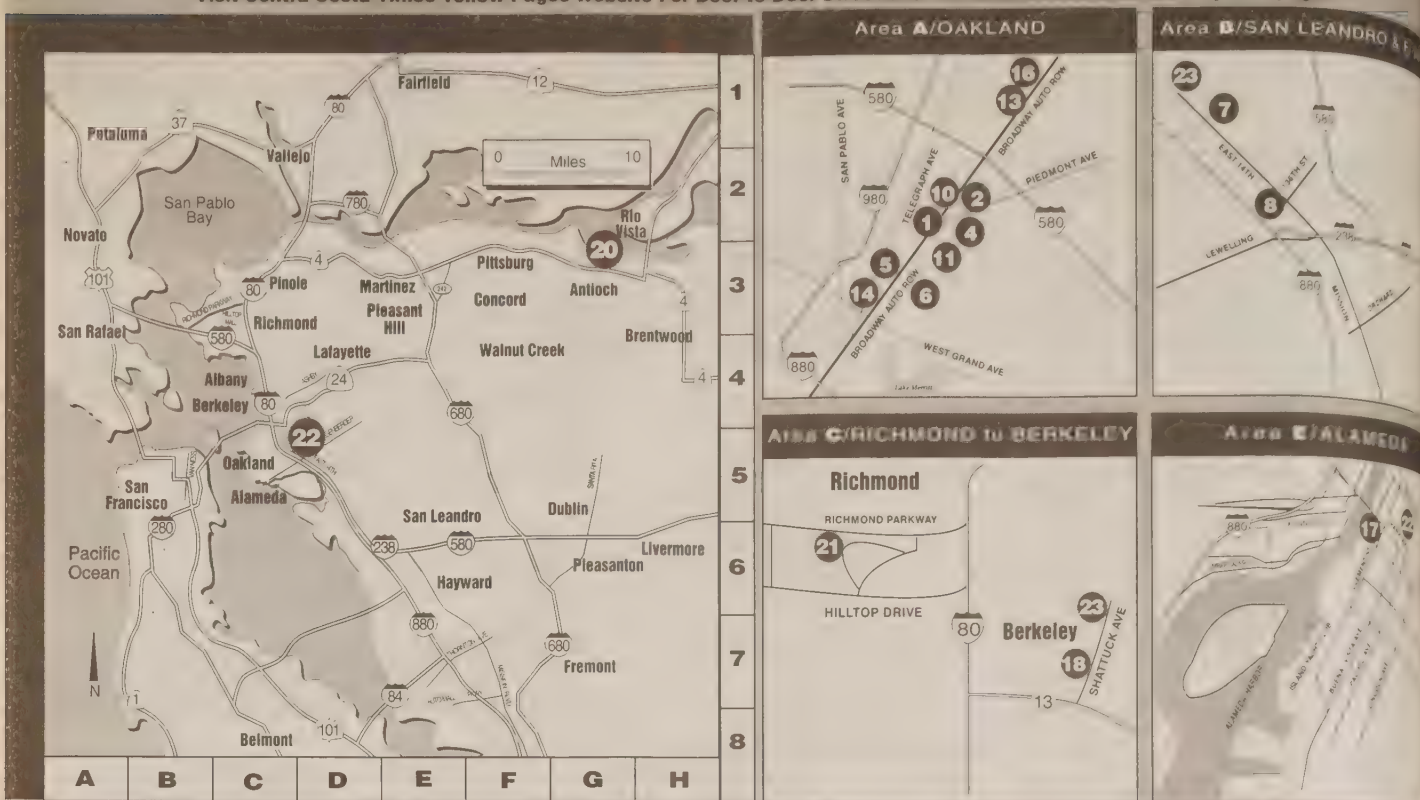
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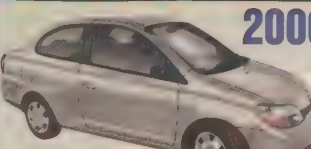
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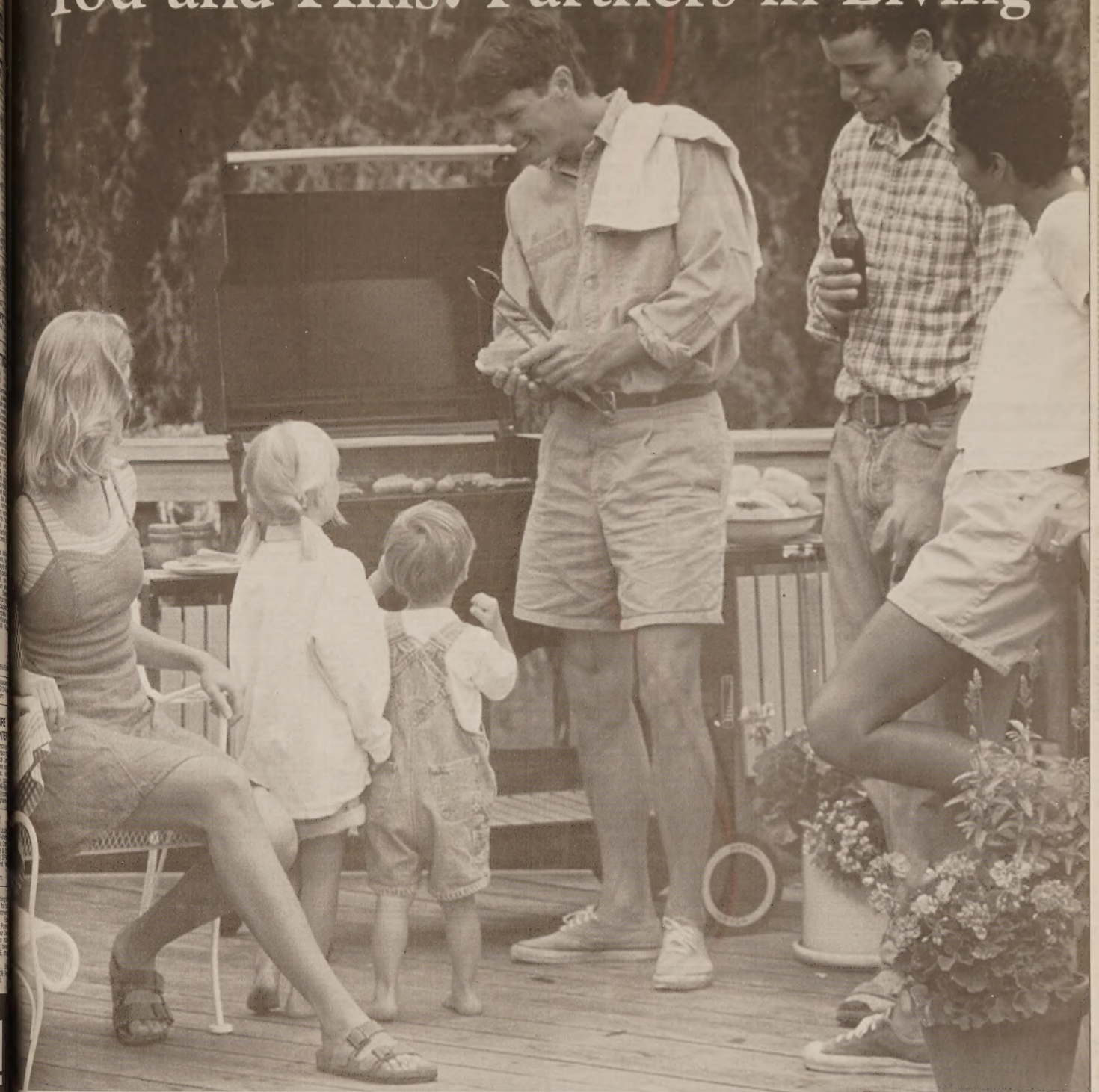








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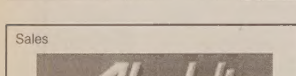
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